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U.K. PLAYERS ARE NOT WANTED

Says Keith Gilmour

Professional players from Britain will be as scarce as hen's teeth in the future — if Australian national coach Les Scheinflug has his way.

Scheinflug told AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY: "There is no longer any need for 'over the hill' UK second or third division players — or even first division players — to come here.

"We have all the talent we need in Australia. All we require are a few outstanding performers, like Justin Fashanu, Bob Latchford and Mick Channon to guest here for a few weeks."

Scheinflug made his statement as Australia's youngest-ever World Cup squad left for Cup matches against Indonesia and Taiwan.

The national coach was bubbling over with enthusiasm for his bunch of Socceroo kids.

He said: "We will put on a display overseas, and then in the World Youth Championships, that will be a credit to Australia. I can feel it in my heart. Only once in four or five years will you get a group as good as this one.

"Players like Peter Raskopoulos, Steve Blair, David Mitchell, Rob Wheatley and Grant Lee have outstanding potential. Youth Soccer in Australia has really delivered the goods this time.

"There has been a lot of talk about various players joining foreign clubs. I wouldn't part with one of them until he is 28, although many would benefit from a short spell of full-time professional coaching with a top overseas club."

Les Scheinflug knows what it's like to gatecrash the big time as a young player in this country. He arrived in Australia 29 years ago as a kid and, through sheer dedication, clawed his way to the top as player and as coach.

The Socceroo squad composed entirely of Australian-born or Australian-developed youngsters for the first time, could be an eye-opener in the Coca-Cola Cup here in October, in my opinion.

Les Scheinflug agrees . . . indeed he believes the kids would be a sensation if their clubs could secure sponsorship to allow the boys to train daily, morning and afternoon.

SURF SOCCER? MAYBE!

With all the talk about summer Soccer, it seems Australian Youth team goalkeeper, Glen Ahearn, wants to get into the act. The board riders on Bondi Beach moved aside to let Soccer take over. It'll be different in January!
Read about Glen Ahearn in The Young Champions, in the middle pages.

DEMONS — SAINTS COULD CONTEST ONE VACANCY

By John Field

Blacktown Demons' disastrous 4-1 home defeat by Sydney Olympic has condemned Demons to relegation from the Philips League.

They are expected to apply for re-election along with West Adelaide.

Prospects for both clubs are not good.

West Adelaide would not be re-admitted after being relegated two years in succession — even though there are moves right now to get the team back.

As for Blacktown, a lot will depend on which clubs in New South Wales are keen to jump into the national league.

Croatia, the obvious choice, are barred because they will not change their ethnic name.

St George satisfy the criteria in every way — but it is by no means certain that they want to enter.

Saints president Alex Pongrass said there would have to be much hard thinking before a decision is reached. It is no secret that Mr Pongrass views the huge expense of playing in the national competition as a crippling burden on his club's finances.

He said: "It depends on finding a new sponsor for the League. We must also consider the attitude of my club's committee and the attitude of the supporters.

"The foundation members of St. George Budapest will meet in one month. Then we'll make a decision about next year."

If St George decide to apply for the national competition, it could involve a straight fight between them and Blacktown Demons for one vacant spot.

PSL DOUBLE — HEADER!

Last night (Monday) after AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEK went to press, Marconi Datsun's committee debated a switch of next Sunday's PSL game against Leichhardt.

The surprise plan would take the match from Bossley Park to Sydney Athletic Field as a double — header in conjunction with the "match of the season" between Sydney City and South Melbourne.

A firm decision is expected today.

EDITORIAL

Has the Philips Soccer League outlived its usefulness? Has the brave experiment to give Australia a national Soccer competition failed? Does public response justify the continuation of the League in its present form in 1982?

These are questions which many people are asking. It is sad to think that such questions need to be asked. But when a problem exists — whether in Soccer or in anything else — it must be analysed and, if possible, a remedy has to be found.

Based purely on match attendances, the PSL is not a viable proposition.

Maybe Philips Industries, with their shock withdrawal of sponsorship last week, were influenced by that fact.

Some clubs are annually pouring $300,000-plus into the game to attract Sunday crowds of fewer than 2,000 people. No business could stay prosperous in such a climate.

Of course, gate receipts are not the PSL's only source of income. There is, or was, the generous sponsorship of Philips Industries to cover travelling expenses. There is additional sponsorship from companies like Presto, Datsun and Radio Rentals which benefits individual teams. And, in New South Wales at least, social club profits from poker machines are also tossed into the kitty.

In other words, PSL clubs are not going broke. Yet, as the saying goes, "bums on seats" are essential for any sport to survive. And there are far too many empty seats for comfort.

One of these days, perhaps sooner rather than later, the administrators of the PSL will have to admit that Australia is too big a country to support a national Soccer league. That is a fact of life, not a matter of opinion.

So the national League will have to go regional. This is one of the proposals in the Australian Soccer Federation Marketing report. (It was first suggested, incidentally, in AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY some 14 months ago).

This would do more than just reduce the ever-mounting outlay on air fares. It would also mean more "local derby" games, the sort of games which attract fans from TWO teams — not just from the home team. This would be a significant plus.

If the League is split into two zones on a geographical basis, there will be many misgivings — there will be sadness from the pioneers who launched this exciting Australia-wide League project just five years ago.

When those people got the show on the road, we all had great expectations. In the first couple of years, it seemed our hopes would be justified. When crowds of more than 10,000 attended matches in the not-so-large city of Adelaide, the PSL was really in business. Alas, as the novelty wore off, the fans disappeared.

It is clear that the move for summer Soccer is a desperate throw of the dice. And perhaps that is the saddest part of the whole story.

If the clubs have nothing to lose, then they have nothing.

They should all be applauded for what they tried to achieve with the Philips Soccer League.

They should now pick up the pieces, reorganise a more viable competition on a regional basis, and, hopefully, create strength from weakness.

Australia, as we said, is just too big to support a national competition . . . in any code of football.

GOOD LUCK TO THE KIDS

By John Economos

ASW was at the Sydney International airport last Sunday night to see off the Australian Young Champions embarking upon Australia's final two World Cup matches against Indonesia and Taiwan.

Australian World Cup coach, Les Scheinflug, has scrapped the Australian senior squad, and has swung into action the Australian Youth squad to expose them as much as possible to first class senior experience, in preparation for next October's Coca Cola World Youth Championship series.

On this tour, Australia's Young Champions will play a friendly against a club side in Jakarta tomorrow (Wednesday), and then clash with Indonesia next Sunday in a World Cup match.

After Indonesia, the Australian Young Champions fly off for Hong Kong where they will train for a few days before going across to Taipeh for next Sunday week's (Sept 6) World Cup clash with Taiwan.

Just prior to boarding their plane at Mascot, I spoke to members of the Australian team.

Australia's new and youngest ever, Australian World Cup captain, Peter Raskopoulos, taking over the reins from Murray Barnes, said: 'No sweat over these guys. We are all kids before the game, but on the pitch we grow as hard as anyone else. I'm sure we will not disgrace Australia'.

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

Games played during the week:

HEIDELBERG - MARCONI 1-1
Taylor(H), Krncevic(M)

WEST ADELAIDE - SYDNEY OLYMPIANS 0-1
Koussas

Round 27:

BRISBANE LIONS - HEIDELBERG 0-0

BLACKTOWN DEMONS - OLYMPIANS 1-4
Djordjevic(BD),Koussas 2,Redfern,Gavin(SO)

NEWCASTLE KB - MARCONI 2-0
Mountford,Sumner

LEICHHARDT - CANBERRA ARROWS 4-0
Soper,Giampaolo,Bradley,Morsello

WOLLONGONG - SYDNEY CITY 0-5
Souness 2,Barnes,Kosmina,Boden

SOUTH MELBOURNE - BRISBANE CITY 0-2
Wilkinson P.,Conner

PRESTON - ADELAIDE CITY 3-0
Ollerton,Luchhessi, Brown

WEST ADELAIDE - FOOTSCRAY 3-2
Topaz,Lorenzoni,Honeyman(WA),Verweij,Lujic

TOP SCORERS

13. Evans(SM)
12. Cole(H),Boden(SC)
11. Koussas(SO)
10. Wilkinson(BC),Kosmina(SC)
9. Soper(L),Ollerton(P),Souness(SC)
8. Mitchell(AC), Paton(H), Valeri(CA), Ollerton(P)
7. J.Nyskohus(AC), Christopoulos(SM), Barnes, Souness(SC),Mountford(KB),Lucchessi,Brown(P)
6. Gibson(CA), Ilioski(F), O'Connor(L), Cullen(P), Jankovics, Sharne(M), McBreen(W), Hamilton(BC), Campbell(H), Northcote(AC), Williamson(BL)
5. Verweij,Cozzella(F), Millman, Bennett(BL), K.Wilson, Jennings(SO), Senkalski(KB), Fontana(W), Brennan(CA)

KICK ON WITH KICKABURRA

by David Jack

One of the biggest problems with the majority of Soccer coaching books is the fact that their authors tend to blind their readers with science. In other words, many such books are too involved, too technical and, indeed, meaningless . . . unless you happen to be an expert in the sport. Often these books are quite expensive and do not sell to the mass of people searching for basic knowledge.

Now a new coaching book has hit the bookstalls and I am happy to say it does not fall into the trap of being too wordy or technical.

It is titled "THE KICKABURRA HOW TO PLAY SOCCER BOOK." As the title suggests, this publication is very much part of Coca-Cola's drive to encourage junior Soccer. Kickaburra is, of course, Coca Cola's mascot.

With the enormous resources of the company's marketing and sales staff to lend a hand, it is not surprising that the new book is enjoying huge sales already.

Selling at a sensibly-priced $4.95, it will surely be snapped up by youngsters and their coaches.

THE KICKABURRA HOW TO PLAY SOCCER BOOK is compiled by Tom Anderson. Coaching illustrations and accompanying text come from Karl-Heinz Heddergott.

It is published by Rigby.

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2	Newcastle KB	1:1		4:1	1:1	0:0	4:0	2:2	0:2	1:2	0:1	2:0	1:2		3:0	1:1	4:2
3	Leichhardt	3:2	2:1		1:0	1:1	1:1	3:0	2:2	0:1	4:0			2:2	2:0	0:0	1:0
4	Wollongong	1:1	0:0	1:1		1:1	2:2	4:1	0:0	0:5	0:1		3:1	3:4	2:1	1:1	2:1
5	South Melbourne	2:1	2:0	4:1	1:0		2:0	0:0	0:2	1:3		1:0	1:1	2:1	2:1	1:0	5:0
6	Preston	2:3	3:1	3:1	6:0	1:1		3:0	1:1		0:1	0:0	3:1	0:2	3:0	1:1	2:0
7	Adelaide City	0:0	4:1	0:0	1:2	2:0	1:0		1:0	0:1	1:0	0:1	3:1	3:1	1:3	3:2	
8	Brisbane City	2:1	1:1	0:0	1:0	1:1	:	:		2:0	0:0	4:0	3:0	1:2	2:0	1:0	2:1
9	Sydney City	1:1	4:1	3:0	1:0	:	2:0		1:1		3:2	5:0	5:4	1:0	3:0	1:1	1:0
10	Canberra City	2:2	4:1	0:1	:	2:2		0:0	3:0	2:0		0:0	2:1	1:5	5:0	2:3	1:2
11	Marconi	:	1:2	:	1:1		1:0	1:4	1:1	1:0	0:2		2:1	3:1	1:3	2:1	1:0
12	Sydney Olympic	1:0	:	1:3		2:2	2:1	3:1	1:1	2:2	0:2	2:0		2:1	0:0	3:1	3:1
13	Heidelberg	:	1:2		0:3	0:0	2:3	1:2	2:0	0:1	1:1	1:1	1:0		2:0	:	2:0
14	Footscray	2:0		2:1	1:1	1:2	2:1	1:1	1:0	1:0	3:1	1:2	1:1	2:2		:	1:1
15	Brisbane Lions	.	0:1	0:0	1:1	2:0	2:1	2:1	1:0	4:3	1:0	2:0	1:1	0:0	4:0		3:1
16	West Adelaide	2:0	0:1	1:2	0:0	0:2	4:0	0:3		1:2	1:1	2:0	0:1	0:5	3:2		

LEAGUE TABLE

	HOME					AWAY					AGGREGATE					
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SYDNEY CITY	10	3	0	31-10	23	7	1	6	20-16	15	27	17	4	6	51-26	38
SOUTH MELBOURNE	10	2	2	24-10	22	2	9	2	14-15	13	27	12	11	4	38-25	35
BRISBANE CITY	8	4	1	20- 6	20	3	6	5	12-15	12	27	11	10	6	32-21	32
LEICHHARDT	7	5	1	22-10	19	4	4	5	12-19	12	26	11	9	6	34-29	31
ADELAIDE CITY	8	2	4	20-12	18	4	4	5	20-21	12	27	12	6	9	40-33	30
BRISBANE LIONS	9	4	1	23- 9	22	1	6	5	13-18	8	26	10	10	6	36-27	30
CANBERRA ARROWS	5	4	4	24-17	14	6	3	4	14-10	15	26	11	7	8	38-27	29
NEWCASTLE KB	5	5	4	24-15	14	5	2	6	14-23	12	27	10	7	10	38-38	27
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	7	4	2	22-15	18	3	3	8	19-27	9	27	10	7	10	41-42	27
WOLLONGONG	4	7	3	20-20	15	3	5	4	10-15	11	27	7	12	8	30-35	26
HEIDELBERG	4	3	5	13-13	11	5	3	6	27-23	13	26	9	6	11	40-36	24
MARCONI	6	2	4	15-16	14	3	3	7	6-20	9	25	9	5	11	21-36	23
PRESTON	7	4	3	28-12	18	1	3	9	9-25	5	27	8	7	12	37-37	23
FOOTSCRAY	6	5	2	19-13	17	2	1	11	10-33	5	27	8	6	13	29-46	22
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	3	3	8	16-24	9	1	5	6	12-19	7	26	4	8	14	28-43	16
WEST ADELAIDE	4	2	7	14-19	10	1	1	12	9-32	3	27	5	3	19	23-51	13

TOUR OF LIFETIME FOR YOUNG PLAYERS

By Brad Earl

Australian youngsters have the prospect of an exciting Soccer tour to England in January and February next year, receiving expert advice and coaching from star First Division players.

The tour has been organised by Australian All-Sports Travel Pty Ltd, and will be led by two NSW State League players, John Lane (a sporting tour representative with the company) and Vic Dal Forno of Sutherland.

Lane (24) came to Australia in 1977 and played a full season with South Australian State League team, Enfield Victoria. He then returned to England, then went to the United States for three months in 1979, and once again returned to England, before going back to South Australia last year.

After playing the last half of the season with Enfield Victoria, Lane, a defender, moved to Sydney in August 1980, and was transferred to Canterbury-Marrickville Olympic for this season.

The tour will go from January 21 to February 9, 1982. The first 12 days of the trip will be spent in the Eurosports Village Soccer Clinic, and then three days in the Manchester area. The cost of the tour is fully inclusive, and contains no hidden extras.

The Eurosports Village is run by P.G.L., which is the largest youth sports organisation in the U.K.

JOHN LANE

"Boys between the ages of 14 and 18 will fill the majority of places, but anybody will be considered — any coach, parent, team manager," Lane said. "Anyone coming back from that would be more than qualified to coach a junior side in this country."

Already one NSW State League club has stated that they will sponsor four of their own Youth players for the tour.

The boys will meet the players of the team regarded as the best club side in the world — Liverpool — and watch their training methods, and another major point on the itinerary is a full tour of Wembley Stadium.

They will also take in three top matches.

The managing director of Australian All-Sports Travel is Randall Trudgen, a former Sydney Rugby League star who has organised general athletic tours to the United States in previous years.

"We are specialising in this type of special interest sports tour, in an attempt to upgrade sporting standards in this country," Mr Trudgen said. "All the directors of the firm are professional athletes, and we are rapidly gaining recognition in our field of sports travel.

"We have already taken the Australian Parachute team and the Australian Speed Skating team to their respective World Championships, and we are organising end of season trips for Rugby Union, Rugby League and VFL clubs, and hopefully Soccer clubs as well.

"We help the clubs to raise money, and generally assist with every aspect of overseas sports travel," Mr Trudgen said.

STRAIGHT SHOOTING

With MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

The recent financial irregularity which threw the people of Rugby League into confusion brought much publicity and a police investigation at a most important moment — when people are trying to find out why the game is losing supporters.

The result of the search revealed that £69,000 had vanished from the books.

What do the people want ? Bigger crowds and, perhaps, bigger sums of money in the game for someone to plunder ?

Today, the supportors who are interested only in team performances are few:the majority look for what's going on behind the scenes.

They examine every little detail of concern to their club, in and out of the grounds.

The lack of confidence in administrators, referees and even in the players must have a lot to do with the steady drain of spectators from matches.

This headache does not afflict only Rugby League.

It has to be associated with every sport in which money plays a major part.

Let us,remember that money can play a big role in sport to improve that sport but it can also cause damage — indeed it often does.

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If we look back a few years,we can see how two Italian-backed clubs, Marconi and Apia, plus the Greek-supported Pan Hellenic,used to have the biggest support of any teams in New South Wales.

Today, the numbers who follow the two Italian teams have slumped.

Why should this be ?

There must be a logical reason. So we should ask these two questions:-

- Has the Italian press lost the power and the influence to create interest in Marconi and Apia among their sporting readers?
- How close to their ethnic press are the administrators of those two clubs?

The answers to those questing are given by Maurizio Pagnin, the sporting editor of La Fiamma,and Guido Cicinelli, editor of Tutto Press Sport.

Pagnin said: "During the last two months, not one official from Marconi has ever approached me, or even called me, with any serious news of the team — not even the resignation of coach Raul Blanco.

"When the game Marconi v Blacktown waspostponed, more than 1,000 people were waiting at Marconi Stadium for the match. Those people had not been properly informed by La Fiamma, and that's because nobody told us about the move to postpone the game."

More aggressive — and that is his character — was the editor of Tutto Sport, Guido Cicinelli. He said: "Our supporters are getting more and more tired by seeing, year after year, the same persons running the clubs.

"Soccer without money cannot exist.

"In my country and the rest of the world, the presidents and the committee members invest millions of dollars in shares and they are interested, for the club and for their money. That would be impossible in Australia because it seems the committee is responsible for spending club money.

"I write a few lines in my paper about local Soccer but I give the rest of the space to Italian Soccer . . . because people are more interested in that.

"It is sad, but true. Administrators are more interested in seeing their names printed in the Australian papers and nothing else. I've said it many times and I am saying it again. They waste their time and waste our time, because, with the existing conditions, Soccer will not improve in Australia.

"Not long ago we wrote pages and pages, creating interest among the people; now exactly the opposite happens and the people have vanished from Soccer, because the money spent in the game doesn't produce quality."

From the comments of the two sporting editors, Pagnin and Cicinelli, it is clear that a big gap between the two clubs and the Italian newspapers has been created. From this, the losers are the two teams and Soccer generally.

The papers can live just by publishing news: but for the two clubs it will be very hard to keep going without the press support and without sporting readers going to matches.

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KENNY DALGLISH (LEFT) AND DAVID JOHNSON, HOLD ALOFT ONE OF LIVERPOOL'S MANY TROPHIES

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STAR INTERVIEW

EDDIE THOMSON

Talks to John Economos

One of the PSL's youngest, most popular and successful Soccer coaches, is Sydney Slickers' Eddie Thomson.

With the departure of Gerry Chaldi at the end of the 1979 PSL season from Sydney City, Eddie Thomson, the club's intelligent sweeper, was automatically appointed to take over as coach. And what a hard act it was to follow, as Chaldi had won every year, since the inception of the PSL, a major Soccer trophy for Sydney City. How was a current player, like Thomson, going to keep Sydney City on such a high pedestal?

At Sydney City, second or third place is just not on. It is regarded as failure.

So Thomson kicked off the 1980 PSL season with all this in mind, plus his enormous appetite to restructure the entire squads within the club with the future in mind.

The club had too many seasoned players on its books, and they had to be replaced with younger blood, whilst keeping Sydney City at the top of the PSL ladder. Not easy.

Over the ensuing months, Sydney City lost Terry Smith, Ernie Campbell, and their highly-talented midfield general, Johnny Stevenson.

Over the last 18 months, Thomson injected into the first grade such players as Johnny Spanos, Jimmy Patikas, Gerardo Gomez.

Added to the pressures of coaching the most consistent, successful club in Soccer over the past 20 years, Thomson had to push himself very hard as a player as well, for it was he who pulled the strings from the sweeper's position.

From Thomson, stemmed the entire defence. Thomson's ball distribution from the back guided the attack. In a nutshell, Australia's answer to West Germany's Franz Beckenbauer. What suprised me, was the fact that most PSL opponents never woke up to this fact.

Thomson was Sydney City's spine.

Q: Date of birth and place?

A: 25.2.47 in Scotland.

Q: What clubs have you played for in Scotland?

A: I was first signed professionally by Hearts for seven years then I went to Aberdeen for five years.

Q: Who were some of the top players you played with there that we would know well in Australia?

A: Dixie Deans and Joey Harper.

Q: You are married?

A: Yes. Pauline is my wife and I have two children, Steven 10 years (left footer) and Claire seven, plus my dog, Hamish (as in James).

Q: Besides playing Soccer in Scotland, you went to America to play?

A: I had one year with the Texan NASL club, San Antonio Thunder.

Q: Any top players there?

A: Yes, I played with Bobby Moore and Bob McNab.

Q: Film stars?

A: Groucho Marx and Lana Turner. All the young stuff.

Q: Other interests?

A: Golf, Cricket, Tennis and watching Rugby League on TV.

Q: What are some of the wrongs in Australian Soccer?

A: Organised Soccer is played at too young an age. Let the kids enjoy the game and concentrate on the skills only. The pressures of victory are enormous in junior Soccer, which is very wrong. Also the average Australian youngsters' attitude is far too lackadaisical and kids today are generally too spoilt.

Q: Who are some of the coming Soccer stars to look out for in the future?

A: Grant Lee, Jimmy Patikas and Gerardo Gomez - but as an outright striker, not so much at centre-back.

Q: What PSL players do you like this season?

A: Jimmy Rooney, Larry Gaffney, Jimmy Campbell, Peter Wilson (Leichhardt), Robbie O'Shea.

Q: What about world players?

A: Bobby Moore, Denis Law, Jimmy Johnston, Pele and Beckenbauer of course.

Q: What do you think about your future?

A: Well Soccer has been all my life and I have to wait till I get the sack you know. I am most grateful to Sydney City for taking the gamble and giving me the tremendous opportunity in this position, for an unknown, unproven coach.

Q: Who was mainly responsible for this support you received?

A: Andrew Lederer. He also taught me a lot about business as well as Soccer. My assistant coach, Jimmy Hughes, has been magnificent. I couldn't find any better. Harry Lakmaker, as well, has been a pillar of strength as he constantly believes in me and with his long Soccer experience, if ever I'm a bit down, he knows just how to buck me up again.

Q: What about your club's president?

A: Frank Lowy has been marvellous. He has never once phoned me to interfere with any of my Soccer plans or actions. He must be the only PSL president to be like that. He just watches and allows me a complete free hand. What tremendous conditions to work under.

Q: Special advice to Soccer players in general?

A: Never, and I mean never, put off till tomorrow what you can do today. You realise after you have retired from the game, all the miss-outs and regrets which you have not achieved in Soccer, but could have, had you pushed harder. There is nothing worse than to have on your conscience for the next 40-odd years that you never really gave it your best shot.

Q: Any special advice to young coaches?

A: Please don't pressure young players. Have a good relationship with them. Win their trust. Create a family affair wherever possible. Take a full interest in all your players. Protect your young players from all the mothers and fathers who usually stand on the side-lines yelling out 22 different sets of instructions resulting in absolute chaos. Conversely, I plead with parents to allow their coach complete freedom and utmost respect. Remember, he runs the show.

Q: What about Australia's national team. Any special comments?

A: Les Scheinflug is doing well. Doing well by going for youth. Together with Blanco, they seem to have a very good partnership going for them at the moment.

Q: What do you think of overseas Soccer personalities coming into Australia?

A: That's a hairy one, but here goes. I feel that generally, too many come over here and treat the local scene as a bit of a joke and just use it for money and a quick easy holiday. They have to be sincere and most serious about their task.

Q: What else can you say about Soccer as far as you are concerned?

A: Well as I said before, Soccer has been all my life. It has given me hurts, laughs, bitterness, headaches and above all, memories. Soccer has given me a lot. I will never live long enough to be able to put back into the game just what the game has given to me and my family.

Q: Have you any special wishes or hopes?

A: Yes. I would like to see my son, Steven, one day grow up and play for Australia.

Q: What saddens you in Soccer?

A: Instances when guys like Chaldi and Blanco are out of jobs. This fact keeps me level headed and down-to-earth, and I never get complacent.

Q: Eddie Thomson, are you going to win this year's PSL championship?

A: I am working very hard for it, nothing else matters but the championship.

With the Girls

By DON BALMAIN

BIG TITLES COUNT-DOWN

From today, State Women's Soccer teams will be converging on Sydney for their annual contest.

I guess most of the management committee of the New South Wales Women's Soccer Federation have geared themselves up to stage what appears to be the most interesting of National Championships.

It will be held at Chatswood Oval on Sydney.s north shore.

Readers will probably wonder what is so unique about this.

Chatswood Oval is the home field of the Gordon Rugby club and has been for many years.

Through the persuasive powers of the NSW Federation's social secretary, Margaret Aitken, the ground was offered to the girls for their Championships.

The administration officer with Willoughby Council, Jim Mathews, has done a wonderful job on the Council side.

He has smoothed the path for the ladies in quite a number of unobtrusive ways.

Not to be forgotten in this example of co-operation between the football codes is the sport on the other side of the season — cricket.

A large heap of thanks was also directed in their direction from the girls also.

The Gordon Cricket club, who share tenancy with the Gordon Rugby club, put off laying down their practice pitches on the oval until after the National Championships.

Being a football oval that has been in regular use during the season, the grass situation is certainly not as lush as the Garden Oval at Darwin. In fact in places, the cover is sparse. Nevertheless, the Willoughby Council.s ground-keeper has been doing his rain dance with the underground sprinkler system for the last two weeks and the surface should be in fair condition for the start of the Championships on Thursday morning.

The Mayor of Willoughby, Ald. J. Donnelly, will be performing the opening ceremony and, although he confesses to being a Rugby man from way back, he assured the organisers that he will have no trouble in kicking-off the first ball. It is possible that he may get the red card for his trouble, though!

Another first for the Championships, is a special lapel badge that has been struck as a souvenir.

Naturally being in New South Wales, the State emblem is the theme and the waratah features prominently in the design.

The celebration dinner will be held in the Civic Centre at Chatswood at the end of the final day and no doubt that well-appointed hall will rock as the teams release the pent-up tensions of the championship play.

So the stage is set. With many new faces in State line-ups, the outcome will be very interesting, especially when the Australian team to tour New Zealand three weeks after the Championships is announced at the dinner on the last night.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY wishes all teams a successful tournament.

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On the local scene, in the Manly-Warringah district, we have a challenge from the club secretary of Dee Why United, Jim Delaney.

Jim starts off by saying, ..Beat this!..

His U15 team is in its first season of competition for the club and has a playing record that would be the envy of the more illustrious PSL teams.

The girls' playing record will take some beating. They played games, won all of them and scored 119 goals with only one against.

That was a penalty.

They are the only team in the Manly-Warringah ladies Association to finish with maximum points.

The team averaged more than eight goals per match and won their competition by six points clear.

This young club entered four teams in three competitions. The club won two competitions outright and all four teams made the semi-finals.

The club had three teams in the minor finals — so they reached the finals in all competitions they entered.

More amazing in the U15 team is the fact that only one of the girls is an U15. The team consists of two under 12.s, four under 13.s and six under 14's.

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Of interest in the coaching field in the A.W.S.A. is the consideration by the executive of the appointment of a full-time coach.

Eric Worthington, the ASF Director of Coaching, was good enough to give me some facts that he had got together so that they could be considered at the forthcoming AGM in Sydney this week.

Cost of servicing the position will be largely composed of salary and, due to the nature of the position, travel and accommodation costs.

These costs, said Eric, are provided assuming that the chosen coach is a resident of Sydney, travelled by car in NSW, visited each State twice a year by air and was accommodated in a motel on inter-State visits.

He would be required to spend a proportionate time in each State relating to the number of players in that State.

The estimates roughly worked out, would amount to $30,000 per year.

The funding to meet the position may come from a variety of sources such as the Sport and Recreation branch or Department of Home Affairs.

They could be asked to provide financial assistance in a Sports Development programme for full-time coaching directors, coaching seminars, clinics and workshops.

It is an interesting proposition and one that no doubt, will receive attention at the meeting.

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The 1982 Northern NSW State Championships will be hosted by the Namoi Valley Association next year. They will be held at Tamworth with grounds to be decided.

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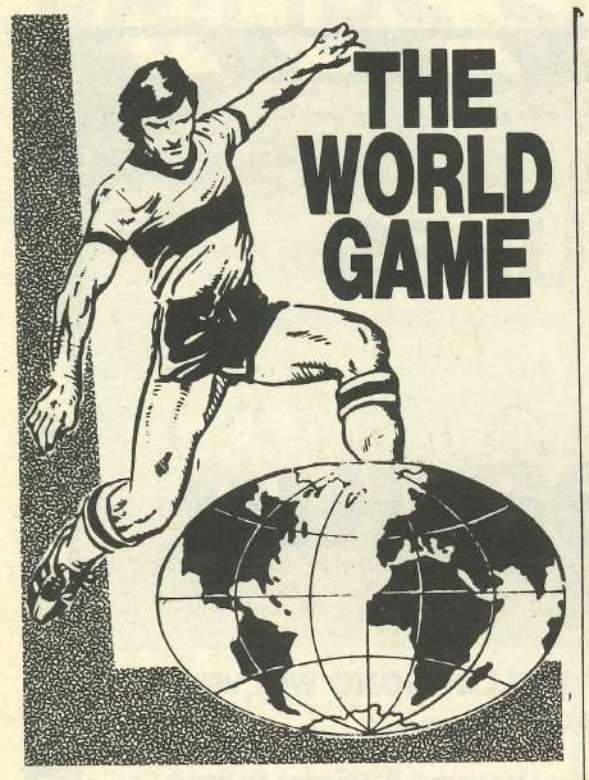
DEE WHY UNITED UNDER 15 TEAM

BACK ROW (L to R): John Twentyman (manager); Jim Delaney (coach); Leanne Allen; Tracy Newton; Fiona Watson; Karen Gibson; Stephanie Brock; Cassie Brown; Mike Pawley (sponsor).

FRONT ROW: Sharon Tomlinson; Fiona Sims; Stephanie Sims; Jody Howells; Felicity Huntington; Nikki Twentyman and Simone Brown.



SOUL-SEARCHING IN SPAIN

Spain has a very poor Soccer record in the last 12 months; victories against Mexico 3-1 and Venezuela 2-0, with losses against Portugal 0-2, 1-2, Brazil 1-2, followed by drawn matches against Colombia 1-1 as well as Chile 1-1 does not inspire confidence.

One bright moment came at Wembley Stadium when Spain beat England.

The Spanish Press has already launched an attack on Santamaria, the ex-Real Madrid forward and Spanish selector for the last 12 months, over the selection of the national team.

Lack of goals is the problem and of course much of the blame is laid either on the selection of Satrustegui or Santilliana up front.

PLAYER KICKS REF IN SPITEFUL MATCH

There was big trouble in the Toronto International Tournament, won by Portugal's Benfica.

In one match between Barcelona of Ecuador and Leeds United of England, Carlos Garces was refused a penalty kick after being fouled by a Leeds defender.

All hell broke loose as referee Gord Arrowsmith was surrounded and jostled by Barcelona's players and officials.

Then Garces decided to kick the ref! Mr Arrowsmith thought that was enough — and called off the match with the score 1 — 1, but Leeds were declared winners.

Tournament officials tried to persuade the referee and the Leeds players to try agian but Leeds manager Alan Clarke said angrily: "The referee abandoned the match and we don't argue with referees decisions. Garces should be suspended for life."

Leeds were not free of blame in a spiteful match. They had Paul Hart sent off for allegedly elbowing an Ecuador player in the head.

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Bayern will be hard to beat in this year's European Cup.

During the recent international tournament, including Austria, Rapid and Ferencvaros, Bayern took the first place with four points.

Ferencvaros had also four points, but had to be satisfied with second place on goal averages. Bayern took the first place and the "Ernest Ocvirk" Cup.

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Ferenc Meszaros, the Hungarian national goalkeeper, will be allowed to play abroad next season.

He has signed a two-year contract with Sporting of Lisbon.

SHOPPING IN BELGIUM

Royal Antwerp's winger Rudi Kaiszer is on Coventry City's Belgian shopping list.

Kaiszer has been in Coventry for 10 days of trials and has impressed the club sufficiently to bring a transfer bid.

Royal Antwerp have been offered Roger Van Gool plus $80,000.

★ ★ ★

A club in Hong Kong has been offered Charlie George by Southampton for a bargain $80,000. And former Fulham manager Bobby Campbell is interested in coaching Hong Kong team, Bulova.

Miljan Miljanić

CONTROVERSY OVER SURJAK TRANSFER

The departure of Yugoslav international Ivan Surjak from Hajduk Split caused a sensation in his home town.

It appears that Surjak's move to Paris St Germain had something to do with the amount of money paid to Sliskovic, also a Yugoslav international, to move from Velez to Hajduk.

However, the most recent information received suggests that Miljan Miljanic, the national selector had his fingers in the pie "arranging" for Surjak to move to Parc de Prince and St Germain!

Mario Kempes

DUMMY RUN FOR WORLD CUP

Argentina, testing out the territory for next year's World Cup, are on a European tour — including three matches against club sides in Spain.

The first game was against Valencia on Sunday and the Argentinians had a 1-0 victory. Valencia is the former club of Argentine World Cup wizard Mario Kempes. The only goal of the game was scored by Ramon Diaz.

Argentine coach Cesar Menotti said he would have liked a full international against the Spanish national team but it could not be arranged. He did say, however, that the main purpose of the trip was to sample playing conditions in Barcelona Valencia and Alicante.

The tour schedule includes games against Valencia, Alicante Hercules and Barcelona plus another match in Italy against Fiorentina.

There is little doubt that the Argentinians will pull big attendances on tour because included in their squad is the world's number one crowd-puller, Diego Maradona.

Argentina's tour programme:— Valencia August 22 . . . Alicante August 25 . . . Florence August 29 and, finally, Barcelona on September 1.

DON'T LAUGH AT FIJI

So you think Fiji are just a joke in international football? Don't tell Lincoln City manager Colin Murphy.

Murphy has returned to England after coaching in the Pacific — he also visited Australia — and he reckons he spotted some star material in Fiji.

Murphy wants to import some players from Fiji's World Cup squad for trials at Lincoln later this year. "Some of the Fijians impressed me enormously," he said.

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Groningen, the Dutch club, are shopping for players in England. They will sign (on loan) Norwich City's transfer-listed winger Steve Goble.

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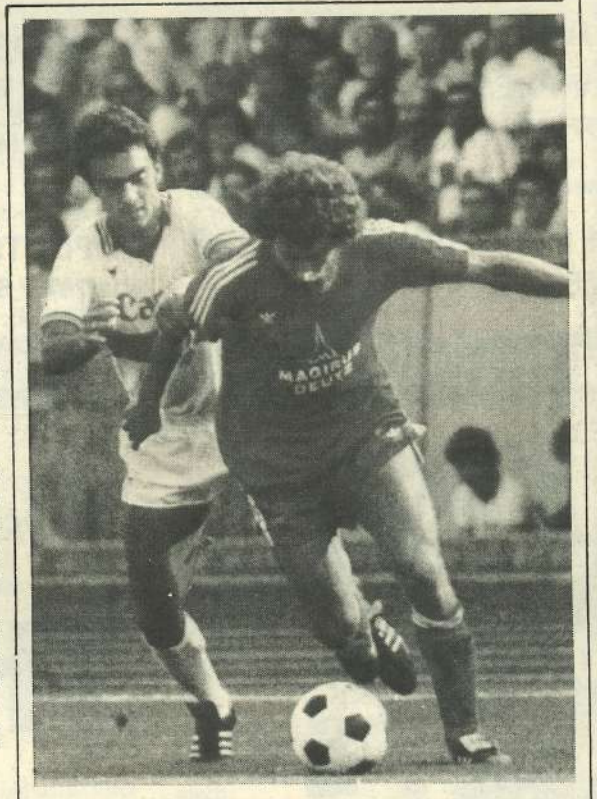
Italy's national competition starts on the 13th of September. Juventus, the champions, have drawn Cesena in the first round. It is bound to be an easy introduction to first division football for Paolo Rossi, the new star in the Juve colours.

ROMANIA'S "MATTHEWS"

Age is no barrier in Soccer! Dobrin, the 38-year-old midfielder from Trgoviste in Romania, has proven just that.

Nicknamed the Romanian Matthews, this man has taken apart Brashowa in the first round of the Romanian championships to pave the way for a comfortable 3-1 win.



PAUL BREITNER

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Hungary is hell bent on surprising England at Wembley in a return match in the qualifying group four for the World Cup in Spain.

Their recent visit to Portugal proved it.

After beating Benfica 3-0, they drew with Sporting Lisbon 1-1. In the final game, Hungary beat the combined Benfica-Sporting selection 2-0.

BREITNER IS TOP PLAYER

Paul Breitner, captain of West Germany's champions, Bayern Munich, has been voted "player of the year."

Breitner has been an outstanding player for many years although he fell out with some officials for a spell because he was too outspoken.

SEATTLE SELL TO CITY

Seattle Sounders have transferred full-back Kevin Bond to Manchester City.

The Seattle club will get $700,000 for the player who now joins his father, John Bond, who is manager of City.

At one time, it used to be unwise policy for a father to sign his son — because dad risked the abuse of club supporters if the boy played badly.

Apparently, John Bond is happy to take that risk. He had Kevin in his side previously when the pair were at Norwich City.

NEW STAR IN FRANCE

Simo Nikolic, the new acquisition of the French team Lyon, has made his mark early in the championship. After four rounds, Nikolic is the top scorer with four goals.

A recent photograph of Nikolic indicates just how seriously the French are treating this new goal scoring machine.

Under the caption: "Go home Dangerous!", Sima Nikolic is shown with his arm raised after scoring his fourth goal this year.

EUROPEANS DOWN TO IPSWICH TOWN

Standard Liege, winners of the Belgian Cup, were definitely second best to England's Ipswich Town in a pre-season tournament played in Holland.

Amsterdam's Olympic Stadium was the venue for the final in which Standard went down 2-0 to goals from John Wark and Alan Brazil.

Only one Standard player looked in the Ipswich class and that was left-back Gerard Plessers.

Previously in the tournament, Ajax Amsterdam also felt the power of Ipswich when they were beaten 3-1. Wark, Brazil and Russell Osman were the marksmen for the English club.

EUROPEAN SOCCER . . . RESULTS . . .

NTH. AMERICA

Portland — San Diego 2:1
(Portland leads best-of-three series, 1-0)
Minnesota — Tulsa 3:1
(Minnesota leads best-of-three series, 1-0)

SWITZERLAND

Bulle — Aarau	2:1
Chiasso — B'zona	1:2
Lucerne — G'hoppers	1:0
N'chatel — Sion	3:2
Nor Basle — Lausanne	1:0
Servette — S Gallen	4:1
Vevey — Basle	0:1
Zurich — Young Boys	1:0

HOLLAND

Go Ahead — Roda JC	0:0
PSV — Alkmaar	2:4
NAC Breda — Haarlem	2:0
The Hague — Willem II	3:1
D.G. D'chem — Twente	1:6
Sp R'dam — NEC N'megen	1:0
Groningen — Feyenoord	2:2
Utrecht — MVV	1:0
Aiax — PEC Zwolle	5:1

PORTUGAL

Porto — Benfica	2:1
Sporting — B'nenses	2:2
U Leiria — Espinho	2:2
Estoril — Braga	1:1
Amora — Setubal	0:1
P'monense — Boavista	1:0
Rio Ave — Viseu	1:0
Guimaraes — Penafiel	1:0

YUGOSLAVIA

Osijek — Partizan	1:1
Rikeka — Radnicki	5:4
Olimpija — V'dina	2:1
Vardar — Zagreb	3:0
Z'nicar — Sarajevo	4:1
Dinamo — Teteks	4:0
Velez — Sloboda	0:0
Buducnost — Hajduk	0:0
OFK Bel. — Red Star	2:2

WORLD CUP

Peru beat Uruguay 2-1 in a South American Group Two World Cup qualifying match in Montevideo.

Victorino scored for Uruguay but La Rosa and Urige clinched the match with Peru's goals.

STANDINGS:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Peru	3	2	1	0	5	2	5
Uruguay	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
Colombia	3	0	1	2	3	6	1

Next matches, September 9, Peru v Uruguay. September 13, Colombia v Uruguay.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Philips Soccer League

MARCONI LEOPARDS V BLACKTOWN DEMONS
DATE: Wednesday, August 26. KICK-OFF: 8.00 pm.
GROUND: Marconi Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - D. Rennie. Linesmen - B. Wilkinson, M. Loupis.

HEIDELBERG WARRIORS V BRISBANE LIONS
DATE: Friday, August 28. KICK-OFF: 8.00 pm.
VENUE: Olympic Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - J. Fearn. Linesmen - M. Gaut, N. Karlich.

ADELAIDE GIANTS V ADELAIDE HAWKS
DATE: Sunday, August 30. KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm.
VENUE: Olympic Sports Field.
OFFICIALS: Referee - S. Mellings. Linesmen - G. Neal, T. Martell.

BRISBANE GLADIATORS V PRESTON RAMS
DATE: Sunday, August 30. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Spencer Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - C. Amos. Linesmen - D. Klose, W. Turkington.

SYDNEY SLICKERS V STH MELBOURNE GUNNERS
DATE: Sunday, August 30. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Sydney Athletic Field.
OFFICIALS: Referee - D. Nugent. Linesmen - K. Small, A. Morrison.

CANBERRA ARROWS V WOLLONGONG WOLVES
DATE: Sunday, August 30. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Bruce Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - H. Witschge. Linesmen - P. Murphy, M. Welch.

MARCONI LEOPARDS V LEICHHARDT STRIKERS
DATE: Sunday, August 30. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Marconi Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - T. Davies. Linesmen - G. Power, T. Williams.

HEIDELBERG WARRIORS V BLACKTOWN DEMONS
DATE: Sunday, August 30. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Olympic Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - B. Harwood. Linesmen - J. Brennan, T. Stirling.

FOOTSCRAY EAGLES V BRISBANE LIONS
DATE: Sunday, August 30. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Schintler Reserve.
OFFICIALS: Referee - C. Bambridge. Linesmen - S. Zoumas, B. Upjohn.

Soccer Terms explained: No. 8

The Toss.

At the beginning of a game, choice of ends and kick-off is decided by the toss of a coin. The team winning the toss has the option of choosing ends, or taking the kick-off.

Some decisions are just too important to leave to the luck of the toss. Like your choice of a portable radio cassette recorder. In any store you'll see many brands, at many prices. Don't trust your luck— trust your judgement and compare them on performance and value. Chances are you'll choose Philips.

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PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE PREVIEWS

MARCONI V LEICHHARDT

By Alex Vesic

The season is over as far as honours are concerned for both teams, but there is more to this clash than just title or cup stakes.

This is the Italian derby and it is bound to fill the ground at Bossley Park.

Marconi is having its worst season to date, while Leichhardt, despite some promising results, did not hit the jackpot.

In these derbies, few customers leave feeling cheated, as the type of Soccer often displayed deserves applause.

We are in for yet another serve of the same, that I am sure.

Neither side can afford to be beaten in the struggle to decide the best Italian side in Sydney.

Marconi, free of national team commitments, is certain to have their players concentrate on their club effort. On their day, they are certain to wallop any team, including their visitors from Leichhardt.

However, their slump during the season has certainly left some marks of uncertainty amongst their ranks which should give Leichhardt some heart.

O'Connor, Soper and the exciting Tony Morsello are certain to exploit holes in this shaky Marconi defence, while at the other end, Jankovics, Krncevic and Sharne could upset Leichhardt's very strong backline.

The midfield battles are just another aspect of this game which should provide fireworks as well as skill worthy of top-class Soccer.

Don't miss it is the message!

HEIDELBERG V BLACKTOWN

By Greg Blake

Thankfully Heidelberg's second match in three days is against one of the two clubs most likely to have to apply for relegation at the end of the season in Blacktown City.

Had it been one of the pace-setter meetings the best the leg-weary home side would have been capable of is a point.

But Blacktown are a different kettle of fish and Heidelberg have as good a chance as any to completely alleviate any fears of relegation in 1981.

I saw the Demons play very well and take full points at Preston very early on in the season.

I also saw them put in a miserable effort in going down to Footscray at Schintler Reserve some weeks later.

The latter seems to be the rule rather than the exception with the Demons this season, although I am a witness to one of their better performances and will vouch for their potential.

But the Warriors are playing at least as well as they have been at any stage in a thoroughly forgettable (for them) 1981.

Blacktown's biggest assets are its admirable fighting qualities.

However it's all or nothing now and they'll want two points as much as the Warriors.

For the Demons a draw at best but mark this fixture in as a more than probable home win.

CANBERRA V WOLLONGONG

By Steve Burns

Canberra, seemingly back to their very best form, face PSL newcomers Wollongong Wolves at Bruce Stadium on Sunday — the team they just managed to defeat 1-0 in Wollongong.

But Canberra start firm favourites with Byrne back as sweeper and the team determined to win once again at home.

Wollongong are having a marvellous PSL baptism, halfway up the table.

Coach Ken Morton has moulded a remarkably well-balanced squad that tries every minute of every game. In midfield Lee Adam and Jim McBreen will want to dominate, while up front, the new-found striking combination of Arno Bertogna, Glen Fontana and Peter Tredinnick has been producing sound results.

Canberra, of course, will again be relying on a true captain's game from Byrne, the consistency of all three O'Sheas, the goalmaking abilities of Ian Gibson and Don Maclaren and the finishing flair of Tony Brennan and Walter Valeri.

Brennan will be hard pushed to repeat a goal of the calibre of the one he put away against Newcastle. Fans rated it an incredible 98.5 per cent on their Golden Goals scale.

Both teams have sound blend and balance . . . and both are strong in defence and attack.

Yet Canberra does have greater finesse and should gain two invaluable points.

ADELAIDE CITY V WEST ADELAIDE

By Tom McKain

West Adelaide Hawks must drag themselves away from the traumas of the relegation zone on Sunday to visit local rivals Adelaide City.

Having won the Philips Cup semi-final 1-0, Hawks won't lack confidence, but they will have to be wary.

The Giants have regained some of their lost form, and, with Kiwi international Glenn Dods back in the line-up, their midfield now has more destroying power.

But they will be minus Socceroos David Mitchell and Charley Villani who are away with the national team.

A win is only a matter of prestige for Giants, but Hawks must get as many points as possible in the closing rounds to convince the ASF and PSL that they are worth retaining, even if they are relegated a second time.

While Giants have Dods back, the Hawks have reinstated winger Jimmy Wright, a potential match-winner, and Shraga Topaz and Manecas, now fully fit after injuries.

It is also expected Colin Gregson will hold a place in midfield after being forced to catch up on his fitness when he arrived late from the UK.

The Cup semi-final was a thriller, and given a dry day this League derby should live up to expectations.

Form means nothing when the pair meet, and unless one or the other gets a two-goal break there will be no winner until the final whistle.

In the Cup it was full-back Vic Bozanic who overlapped to grab the only goal of the game.

Earlier in the League season Giants won 3-0.

This time it would be a brave punter who would back either team.

SYDNEY CITY V SOUTH MELBOURNE

by John Field

This is it . . . the top match of the 1981 Philips Soccer League season.

It could decide the premiership. It could also prove, one way or the other, if the Slickers are capable of generating any enthusiasm among Soccer spectators.

If the Slickers and South Melbourne do not pull in a crowd of around 5,000, it will be a poor reflection on Sydney Soccer. If the match was in Melbourne, it would attract 10,000, regardless of the weather.

These teams have dominated the PSL this year. In players like Todd Clarke, Joe Watson, Ian Souness, Kenny Boden, Alun Evans, Branko Buljevic, Alan Davidson and John Stevenson, they have some of Australia's finest talent.

South are coached by a Greek, John Margaritis, while Slickers have a Scot, Eddie Thomson, at the helm. So there will be an interesting battle of tactics on the respective benches.

Indeed, this Soccer summit has everything going for it. I look forward to 90 minutes of non-stop action, maximum entertainment, and, just for a change, plenty of goals.

South Melbourne and Sydney City are not defensive-minded sides, but next Sunday, they will not give anything away. So it could be tough and rough. Let us hope it is not as fierce as the Slickers v Leichhardt affair on the same ground recently.

My tip? Sydney City to win the two points.

FOOTSCRAY EAGLES V BRISBANE LIONS

By Greg Blake

The Lions won't be pleased with what they find at Schintler Reserve this Sunday.

The only people who will be more disappointed with this game will be the poor unfortunate punters who make the trek to the Western Suburbs to see it.

If any clash has shaped as a 0-0 draw like this one I can't remember it.

Even the close skills of Zvradko Lujic, Suki Jovanovic and Zoki Illioski won't get past the best back four in the league on this tight park.

And I can't see Lions insipid strike force doing much damage to the second best defence, at least at home, in the PSL. Of course Footscray does have in its favour the fact that Lions will be playing their second match in three days.

This could turn the match should the Eagles catch the tiring Lions on the break.

There is always Footscray's home record which also suggests the Lions face an uphill battle.

But the visitors should take a point providing the Friday night fixture away at Heidelberg has not drained them too much.

HEIDELBERG WARRIORS V BRISBANE LIONS

By Greg Blake

Brisbane Lions should have no trouble in coming to Melbourne on Friday night and sustaining their top four challenge with at least a point against Heidelberg Warriors.

This match, postponed from round 13, will kick off under lights at 7.30 p.m. and it will be the second meeting between them in a week.

Discounting the freak scoreline against Olympic (a 1-3 loss) Lions have had a remarkably consistent season and deserve their ranking as one of the PSL pacesetters.

Unfortunately their away record still leaves a little to be desired with only a single win to their credit in twelve matches. Of course they do boast the most intimidating back four in the league and the Warriors will have to be at their most lethal to win this one.

Tony Scanlon is a good goalkeeper.

Of course, he has Col Bennett, Jim Hermiston, Alan Niven and Paul Ontong playing in front of him.

But it was Olympic midfielders Raskopoulos and Katholos, along with winger Jim Redfern, who took the Lions to the cleaners. On the spacious Olympic Park and with pace on each wing with Cole and Bozikas, the Warriors trio of Selemidis, Taylor and Rooney could do much the same job.

Bobby Ferris, Steve Hogg and Jim Maclean on the left impressed as a midfield combination on Lions last visit when they played Preston. However they seem still a little light on up front and I doubt they'll manage many against a pretty strong Heidelberg defence. Looks like a low scoring draw for sure.

KEN TAYLOR

SYDNEY OLYMPIC V NEWCASTLE

by Keith Gilmour

Sydney-Newcastle clashes have a long tradition for producing some of the best in Australian Soccer.

With Olympic firing so enthusiastically and Newcastle lifting itself out of the rut under interim coach Ray Baartz, this match should be in the same view and well worth travelling to see.

Doug Collins has continued to use the adventuresome Jim Ziras and the solid Ian Rowden as his central defence, which has released Kenny Wilson to reinforce the attack.

Even if the Kenny Wilson future finally ends up in defence I believe he is improving his football by playing at the front.

He will however gain more quickly if he can get further over the ball to stop those power-laden shots from ballooning.

Control of midfield will be important, with an extremely able practitioner in Peter Katholos trying conclusions with the like of Joe Senkalski and Steve Sumner.

Sumner, incidentally, should be able to finish the season without NZ international commitments, as the first play-off match is against China on September 24.

Graham Heys and David Kamasz looked very dangerous on the Newcastle wings, but on the home side former Newcastle product Graham Jennings will be keen to show his wares.

On recent form it is hard to go past the Olympians, but judging from the Newcastle away record they will be trying right to the end.

BRISBANE CITY V PRESTON

By Wally Bruce

The Preston which takes on Brisbane City at Spencer Park this week will bear little resemblance, at least for the local supporters, to the Rams line up which played at Richlands early in the season.

Since then Rams have added Peter Boyle, Isaac Farrell and Richard Wilson, while former Everton star Alan Whittle did not play in that 2-1 defeat at the hands of the Lions.

After a few worries late in the season, the Rams and coach Peter Ollerton can now rest easy in the knowledge that they should survive their first season in the PSL.

With no final four series this year, and all faint hopes of the title gone, the Gladiators' are now left with the sole desire of finishing ahead of their local rivals Lions.

Before this match they were one point ahead and still had to meet both Adelaide clubs, City at home and Hawks away.

Gladiators coach George Potter has been hard hit by injury problems late in the season and with a fully fit squad should be capable of handling the Rams without too many problems. Can they in fact make them look sheepish?

It is to be hoped Preston are wearing their new PSL strip, instead of the ragged red t-shirt look they trotted out against Lions.

And it will also be interesting to see if the Preston players have overcome the practice they exhibited last time, of severely bad-mouthing their team mates when things were going wrong.

All of these things really have little to do with football itself, but unfortunately, with little depending on the outcome for both, there's little else to talk about.

MARCONI V BLACKTOWN

By John Field

It'll be a trip back home for Blacktown coach Rale Rasic when he takes his Demons to Bossley Park tomorrow night for their rearranged match against Marconi Datsun.

Rasic used to coach Marconi and regarded his days with that club as among the most significant in his distinguished career. But he knows he will get no favours tomorrow night.

Marconi have suffered a dismal 1981 season and are very anxious to end it with a few victories.

Yet Blacktown have a far greater incentive for success in this match. They are desperately in relegation trouble — some say the odds are 100 to 1 against Demons avoiding the big drop.

Rasic, a proud man, does not like being associated with failure. He would dearly love to beat Marconi but do his players still have the faith to respond tomorrow night.

They have played with plenty of spirit this year, but all the effort in the world does not make up for genuine skill.

Man for man, Marconi look the better side. This advantage must be balanced against the greater urgency in the Demons team.

On their last visit to Bossley Park, Demons had a great win over Sydney City. They might just repeat that success against Marconi.

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SOUTH GAVE IN

By Peter Georgiou

Hopes for this year's championship faded for South Melbourne when they went down 2-0 to a determined Brisbane City at Middle Park.

Handicapped by injuries, even among good reserve players, the Gunners had no ammunition to fight and quickly gave in to the man-to-man marking of Brisbane City.

Having lost also Alan Davidson, because of injury, in the first quarter hour, Souths centre line was non existent while the rest of the players were forced into errors under pressure and they didn't seem to be able to find a formula to break away from the tight marking by the visitors.

Early on, however, Wooddin managed a couple of good shots, one of which was brilliantly saved by Whishart while the other went a few centimetres wide.

Brisbane City had a plan, close-marking, and it worked. South Melbourne had neither the players (injured) nor the reserves to fight such a plan.

Brisbane City opened the score in the 39th minute when Hamilton passed to Kelso who smartly healed the ball to Conner who in turn sent it into the net with a hard shot.

Returning in the second half, after being 1-0 down, South Melbourne did not show that they had anything in their minds to change the situation and gradually started falling apart as Gaffney, Hamilton and Conner took control of the game.

Within the first quarter of the second half, Paul Wilkinson made it 2-0 with a header after a cross from Conner.

South made a burst in the 61st minute but the shot by Lutton was brilliantly saved by Whishart.

A minute later, it looked like goal number three for Brisbane City. But when Conner shot at an open goal, Steve Blair managed to clear off the line.

South Melbourne made its last attempt to score, but Duncan Cummings on two occasions shot wide only a few metres from goal, and Whishart stopped any hopes of any goal being scored by South when he again brilliantly saved a shot by Lutton in the 85th minute.

After the match, Souths coach John Margaritis said that injuries were forcing too many changes in the team with the result the team lost its co-ordination.

He admitted, however, that his team was very bad on the day.

South Melbourne's best player was Arthur Xanthopoulos.

For the visitors, Conner, Hamilton, Gafney and Whishart were outstanding.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Bannon, Nickolaidis, Blair, Xanthopoulos, Rogers, Stevenson, Davidson, (17 Lutton), Cummings, Wooddin, Buljevic.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Vincenzino, W. Wilkinson, Ratcliffe, Dunne, Pimblett, Gaffney, Hamilton, Conner, P. Wilkinson and Kelso.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge.

MAN OF THE MATCH: South Melbourne — Xanthopoulos (1). Brisbane City — Conner 4.

ENTERTAINING RAMS

— Says Greg Blake —

Adelaide City were never as bad as this 3-0 Preston victory would indicate but with little fire-power the Giants hardly looked capable of anything better.

The Rams were ahead inside a quarter of an hour after a mazy run from Alan Whittle met an ubrupt end by meeting David Jones just inside the box. Peter Ollerton tucked away the resultant spot-kick, and although the Giants had one disallowed in between times, Claude Lucchesi made it 2-0 just prior to half-time.

Mitchell was given a lesson by George McMillan who, once again, excelled in the centre of the Rams defence.

McMillan was a brilliant three in our "man of the match" contest last week, and he earns an outstanding four for his game on Sunday.

Preston's display was never outstanding, but as always, a dangerous array of quick-silver goalscorers makes playing against them something akin to sitting on a powder-keg that can explode at any time.

Example: Sunday.

Adelaide City are giving everyone in the crowd the impression that the tide is turning.

The half-time 2-0 deficit looks daunting but never out of reach and George McMillan is made to earn every cent of his wage, keeping City at bay.

John Perin — who had a marvellous game — David Jones, the Nyskohus brothers Gary Marocchi and keeper Jack Przybylski are all playing well.

Seventeen minutes left and there still seems time.

Out on the left Doug Brown, one of Preston's "magic" men who can produce a single match-winning moment of inspiration, collects a rather innocuous-looking loose ball.

Nonchalantly he strokes the ball forward and then, from about 30 metres, lets fly with a steaming left-footer that balloons the net

Lucchesi's goal from a rebound off the keeper in the 41st minute was full of luck but there can be no doubting the Rams claim to full points.

And thankfully this extremely entertaining Preston side can stop entertaining thoughts about possible relegation this season.

PRESTON: Wilson, Beech, Petrovski, McMillan, Flavell (McIvor 68), Ollerton (Little 71), Whittle, Farrell, Cullen, Lucchesi, Brown.

ADELAIDE CITY: Przybylski, B. Nyskohus, Perin, Jones, Russell, Manou (Dods 46), Marocchi, Signore (Buch 71), J. Nyskohus, Northcote, Mitchell.

REFEREE: E. Venios.

CROWD: 4,117.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Preston McMillan (4). Adelaide City — Perin (3).

DUNCAN CUMMINGS (STH.MELBOURNE) HOLDS OFF A BRISBANE CITY CHALLENGE BUT MISSES THE BALL IN SUNDAY'S MIDDLE PARK GAME.

The Loser Gets The Spoils

By Ian Smith

Entertainment was served up in big doses at the Newcastle and Marconi match.

On a wind-blown ISC before 5,027 spectators, lack of team work left the way open for some fine individual performances and Craig Mason at sweeper and Joe Senkalski at midfield for KB were outstanding.

The opening gambits featured some atrocious defensive moves at both ends. Krncevic hit the upright in only the second minute after receiving the ball from a Drinkwater miskick and in the 17th minute a Reaney miskick had to be palmed over the bar by Dando.

David Jones, playing with his usual 100 per cent effort, robbed Picioane and made a great solo run to just outside the box before hitting a ground pass that Mountford carried goalwards from four metres and it deflected off Brogan's outstretched foot into the net.

A substitution with Picioane off and Housseini on in the 35th minute stopped the rot and the latter stamped his undoubted class on the remainder of the game.

Though the second half began quietly enough, the 51st minute heralded a spectacular 10 minute burst of scoring chances started by a Joe Senkalski solo run from his own half that saw him shoot wide: he had yet another shot palmed over the bar minutes later by Corry who had also foiled a Jones chance.

Jankovics headed wide for Marconi at the other end but Senkalski did some beautiful lead-up work, passed to Jones who then pushed it to Sumner and his good shot was deflected past Corry to make it 2-0.

Newcastle were clearly the better side, with the strange Marconi defensive lineup looking disjointed and frankly, if that team was full of Australian stars,

Mason, Senkalski and Endacott should be playing for Brazil!

In fact from the matches that I have seen this year it is clear that Mason is the most self-composed sweeper in Australia

The $500 "spoils" went to Marconi who won a sponsored end-of-match shoot-out — ironically after the match hero Senkalski missed KB's fourth shot of their five allotted. Marconi scored all five.

NEWCASTLE KB: Dando, Reaney, Endacott, Drinkwater, Mason, Sumner, Senkalski, Jones, Heys, Mountford (McLelland 58), Kamasz.

MARCONI: Corry, Brogan, Degney, Tomasich, Mariani, Jankovics, Byrne, Picioane (Housseini 35), Carbone (Hunter 59), Krncevic, Sharne.

REFEREE: P Rampley.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Senkalski 4 (K.B.), Corry 2 (Marconi).

HAWKS IN THE MOOD — AT LAST

— By Tom McKain —

West Adelaide Hawks have started to psyche themselves up for the Philips Cup final against Brisbane Lions next month.

They came back twice to equalise against Footscray Eagles in the PSL last Sunday — then went on to win 3-2 with 10 men.

Obviously they will finish in the relegation zone but their first win after five defeats showed they can still finish the League with a charge which could at least take them above Blacktown City.

Midfielder Vic Bozanic had to leave the field in the 73rd minute with a suspected fractured cheekbone after a clash with Igor Hazabent when the score was 2-2 and Hawks had already made two substitutions.

The sequence of goals had the fans falling out of their seats.

Footscray got the first from a Johan Verweij lobbed header in the 28th minute, and a minute later Hawks midfielder Graham Honeyman guided the ball into the net from the right side of the box following a Bozanic pass.

Onto the second half, and in the 63rd minute Zdravko Lujic sent over a pefect dipper from the left wing and goalkeeper Martyn Crook was beaten as the ball dropped into the far side of the net.

Hawks struck again a minute later.

This time it was Shraga Topaz who scored from a penalty after Aldo Lorenzioni, substituting for central striker Peter Kowalski, was brought down by Jim Milne.

The winner came from Lorenzoni in the 80th minute when Honeyman sent a pass from Bill Stafanopoulos to Lorenzoni who hit it low past goalkeeper Dennis Boland.

The latter had brought off two miraculous saves in the first half when Kowalski and Honeyman struck what looked like certain goals.

At the other end, Crook had to turn on his Socceroo form to stop shots from Bruno Cozzella, Zoran Ilioski, and Lujic.

While the win is too late to save the Hawks from relegation, it was a tremendous morale booster with the Philips Cup Final coming up for them.

And if they can win their remaining three League matches — the last two are at home and this week they play Adelaide City at Olympic Sports Field — there is the chance that they may be readmitted to the Philips Soccer League.

While the same has been preached for most of the season it must be admitted that is hard to understand why Hawks are at the bottom of the table and not at least sitting comfortably in the middle.

HAWKS: Crook, Maricic, Bozanic, Forde, McKie (Brown 61 minutes), McGregor, Honeyman, Stefanopoulos, Kowalski (Lorenzoni 58), Smythe, Topaz.

EAGLES: Boland, Hazabent, Milne, Kyriakouleas, Kondarious, Jovanovic, Verweij, Ilioski, Cozzella, Kakantonis, Lujic.

REFEREE: Robert Kerr (SA).

MAN OF THE MATCH: HAWKS — Honeyman (3): EAGLES — Lujic (3).

ASW — MARCONI TRAVEL TROPHY

ASW correspondents at Philips League matches have been strictly briefed on the allocation of "man of the match" points.

This is how the system works:

5 pts. Magnificent match-winning performance.
4 pts. Outstanding, brilliant.
3 pts. Great display.
2 pts. Very good.
1 pt. Good game, best player in the team.

In other words, a player has to be really exceptional to be given four points — and almost a miracle man to collect five.

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OLYMPIC STUNS DEMONS

by Keith Gilmour

Blacktown Demons is left to re-apply to the Philips League for admission next season after being left in a hopeless position after Sydney Olympic crushed them 4-1 at the Gabbie.

Yet the season's local record crowd of 4,662 turned out to see them in action, with support coming about equally from both clubs.

The game was won and lost in the first half, when a below-standard Demons defence was caught napping and allowed the Olympians through for three goals.

The most serious defensive problem came from use of the offside trap.

No fewer than 15 times the Blacktown defence caught Olympic, but the effect of those 15 was completely negative, because when Olympic did get through without a flag being waved, they were in scoring positions.

Afterwards Blacktown coach Rale Rasic paid tribute to the standard of the opposition.

"At this stage, we cannot match players like Peter Raskopoulos, Peter Katholos, Jim Redfern and Jim Ziras.

"We have the makings of a great club here but much more has to be done," he said.

Olympic spread the ball wide throughout, with specialist wingers Graham Jennings and Redfern causing real problems with regularity.

It was however the new national team captain Peter Raskopoulos who started the move that led to the first goal.

He sent Koussas charging up the right wing. Koussas got behind the defence to push the ball home.

The second Koussas goal was somewhat lucky. Redfern's corner brought James out; he dropped the ball under pressure and Koussas crashed it home.

It was left to the ever-willing Redfern to cruise through past both Jovan Djordjevic and Cliff Pointer in the 43rd minute to put his team three ahead.

With the game as good as lost, there was no further need to depend on a leaky defence. Peter Cuk came on for a handicapped Mike Milovanovic, and Djordjevic moved up the wing.

But it was Tom Gavin, left leg well covered in plaster, who scored with a low shot after Jennings had cleverly turned Pointer to make the opening.

Peter Jones hit the bar with a header for the Demons, and right at the end, Djordjevic gained just reward for a great 30 yard drive to end the game at 4-1.

BLACKTOWN DEMONS: James, Wheatley, Krstic, Milovanovic (Cuk 46m), Pointer, Selvage, Djordjevic, Hormazabal, Jones, O'Donnell, Burrows.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Wilson, Moulis, Scott, Raskopoulos, Ziras (Rowden 79m), Wilson, Redfern, Gavin (Cross 84m), Koussas, Katholos, Jennings.

REFEREE: R. Mee (Canberra).

MAN OF THE MATCH: Olympic — Raskopoulos 4, Blacktown — Djordjevic 2.

BLUNT ARROWS!

By DAVID JACK

A despondent Leichhardt coach, Willie Wallace, checked on the fitness of his first grade players before kick-off on Sunday. . . and discovered he would be struggling to get 11 fit men on the field to face Canberra Arrows.

In fact, the list of casualties was almost frightening. Ruled out of action were Phil O'Connor, Allan Hughes, Rod Skellern, John Coyne, Josip Kuze, Ian Gray, Billy Pirie and Frank Leyden.

So it was a makeshift line-up selected by Wallace, a team from which he expected little. Amazingly, Wallace was all smiles after the game - with a solid 4 - 0 win under his belt - while Canberra coach George Murray was a very angry man.

Murray said : "We were terrible. It would be pointless tomake excuses. Leichhardt were much too good on the day."

Yet the well-beaten Arrows did have goalscoring chances.

But they found goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse in stunning form. Woodhouse, possibly celebrating his engagement, made brilliant saves from Terry Byrne, Duncan Cole and John O'Shead, while another scoring opening was wasted by Walter Valeri who shot ovetr the crossbar from only two metres.

While Arrows failed to find the target, Leichhardt enjoyed a goalscoring romp, cutting through the opposing defence consistently and converting chances with the minimum of fuss.

Those goals came in the 26th minute (Tony Morsello), 32 minutes (Baz Giampaolo, and 42v minutes (John Bradley).

Marshall Soper poked in the fourth goal in the second half - the only incident of any note in the second 45 minutes.

A few first half runs from Tony Brennan gave promise of big things to come, but it was a promise unfulfilled. Yet he was the only visiting player to disturb a composed Leichhardt.

For Leichhardt, Woodhouse took the major honours - strange, that, in a team which won by four clear goals. Peter Wilson and Marshall Soper also turned in useful games and there has to be mention of the 17 year-old full-back from Manly, Paul Carter, thrown in at the deep end for his PSL debut, who never looked out of place in this top-class company.

LEICHHARDT : Woodhouse, Carter, Wilson, Pullen (Watt 80 mts), McAusland, Kafka, Butler, Bradley, Morsello, Soper (McKie 70 mts), Giampaolo.

CANBERRA : Hoszowski, M.O'Shea, R.O'Shea, Moutsopoulos, Byrne, J.O'Shea, Cole, Gibson (Stone 45 mts), Purdie, Valeri, Brennan(Maclaren (77 mts).

REFEREE : D.Campbell.

MAN OF THE MATCH : Leichhardt - Woodhouse 4 points

Canberra - Brennan 1 point.

THE VITAL GOAL DIDN'T COUNT!

A controversial decision by referee Col Amos allowed Heidelberg Warriors to salvage a nil-all draw against Brisbane Lions in a disappointing Philips League match at Richlands Stadium.

Following a foul by a Lions player, Amos disallowed a 53rd minute goal by Lions striker Billy Williamson, which would have kept Brisbane Lions slim championship hopes alive.

Williamson's "goal", a thundering left foot volley off a Calvin Daunt pass, deserved a better fate in one of the worst PSL matches in Brisbane since the league began five years ago.

After only 15 minutes, Heidelberg had five players inside their own box taunting the Lions strikers with excessive back passes to keeper Jeff Olver.

It was not surprising that the relatively small crowd began to file out well before the match had finished as Heidelberg made few attempts to attack and Lions had no answer to the Heidelberg tactics.

However, coach Joe Gilroy must have given Lions a strong half-time pep talk as Lions stormed the Heidelberg goal straight after the break.

However, luck was not with Lions and they failed to grab a winner.

BRISBANE LIONS — Lownds, Wilson, Hermiston, Burns, Niven, Hogg (Ogden 75th), Ferris, McLean, Daunt, Williamson, Low.

HEIDELBERG — Olver, McMillan, Provan, Yzendoorn, McLeod, Selemidis, Tazevski, Rooney, Cole, Paton, Bozikas.

REFEREE — C. Amos.

MAN OF THE MATCH — Williamson 2 (BL), Yzendoorn 2 (H).

A GIFT GOAL

Says Phil Murphy

Sydney City gratefully accepted a gift goal from Wollongong after only five minutes and went on to thrash the Wolves 5-0 at Wollongong Showground.

A rare mistake by Wollongong captain and centre-half Chris Dunleavy led to Ken Boden giving the Slickers the lead.

Dunleavy intercepted a ball that was definitely heading towards the arms of goalkeeper Natch Vardareff and what followed was almost comical. Dunleavy and Vardareff both missed the ball and it rebounded off John Kosmina to the feet of Boden who was almost on the goal line. Boden doesn't miss chances like that.

Although City eventually won by five goals, Wollongong actually had the better of the first half once they settled down from that shock start.

The vital second goal came after 57 minutes following a Joe Watson corner on the left.

The ball deflected off a team mate and Kosmina had an easy task to head it home.

After that second goal, Wollongong had too many players running without any real purpose and Sydney City were able to push players forward and go looking for more goals.

Right back Ian Souness made his mark on the game at that point by scoring two goals.

The first was a great 35 metre drive which goalkeeper Vardareff simply couldn't hold. The ball went out of his grasp over his head and the linesman ruled a goal despite the keeper's frantic efforts to scoop it clear.

Souness then made it 4-0 when he scored with a free kick and Murray Barnes scored number five in injury time.

Souness had an outstanding game for the visitors while Barnes, Watson and Steve O'Connor also showed out.

For Wollongong, John Lathan tried hard along with Bertogna while Lee Adam tried to be constructive in midfield.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff, Fleming, De Graaf (replaced 82 minutes by Mohring), Dunleavy, Ainsworth, Lathan, McBreen, Tredinnick, Fontana (replaced 63 minutes by Campbell), Adam and Bertogna.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke, Souness, Spanos, (replaced by Gomez 82 minutes), O'Connor, Cant, Murray, Watson (replaced by Lee 82 minutes) Barnes, Boden, Kosmina and Patikas.

REFEREE: T. Davies.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Sydney City, Souness 4. Wollongong Lathan 2.

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CONTEST NOT SETTLED YET

Three games to go — and, mathematically, that could mean 15 points to any player in the ASW-MARCONI TRAVEL "player of the year" contest.

Nobody will get the maximum 15, of course. Our judges are not that generous in awarding their points. But, at least, the chase for the big prize is not over yet.

The prize is a return air ticket from Melbourne or Sydney to Rome, flying by the great airline ALITALIA. the trip will be won by the player topping the ranking list after 30 rounds of the Philips Soccer League competition.

It is still within reach of four or five outstanding players and it will provide the perfect incentive for those pace-setters to turn in great performances in the closing matches.

In addition to the ALITALIA flight, the winner will collect the magnificent ASW-MARCONI TRAVEL trophy.

There is another prize . . . a colour television receiver. It will be presented to the leading goalscorer in the PSL.

For some guidance to the method of voting in this contest, please turn to Page 8.

Here are the leading players in the ASW-MARCONI TRAVEL "player of the year" contest:-

29 - Terry Byrne
26 - David Mitchell
25 - Joe Senkalski
24 - Phil O'Connor
22 - Ian Souness, Alun Evans, Peter Wilson (Lch)
21 - Denis Boland, Peter Katholos
20 - Col Bennett
19 - Chris Dunleavy
18 - Tony Brennan
17 - John Djordjevic
16 - Larry Gaffney
15 - Jim Campbell, Martin Coe
14 - Greg Woodhouse, Peter Raskopoulos, Arno Bertogna, Allan Maher, Jim Hermiston
13 - Joe Watson, Gary Byrne, Tony Henderson
12 - Paul Burrows, Zdravko Lujic
11 - Arthur Xanthopoulos, Bruce James, Suki Jovanovic, Bugsy Nyskohus, Alan Whittle, Graham Honeyman, Martyn Crook, Paul Wilkinson
10 - Arthur McMillan, Graham Jennings, Peter Sharne, Robbie Cullen, Bill de Graaf
9 - Jimmy Wright, George McMillan, Peter Boyle, Brian Northcote, John Perin, Paul Reaney, Jim Ziras, Peter Wilson (S.Oly), Jim McBreen, Clive Campbell
8 - Alan Niven, Lee Adam, Gary Cole, Steve Sumner, Willie Murray, Kim Wishart, Ljube Petrovski, Jimmy Dunne, Steve Blair, Brian O'Donnell, Malcolm McClelland

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LET'S WE FORGET

By Greg Blake

For me, much of the enjoyment of the 1981 PSL season was erased in just 90 tedious minutes at Olympic Park last Wednesday night.

It was there that an unenthusiastic crowd of less than 3,000 banded together to watch two uninspired sides in Heidelberg and Marconi struggle to a 1-1 draw.

It was not only sad, but downright depressing to watch a non-event between two teams who, in the past, have given so much entertainment.

The pair shared three PSL trophy's in 1980 and when last they met under lights at Olympic Park it produced an epic PSL Cup Final which kept 12,000 fans enthralled until the very last seconds of a classic scoreless draw.

Heidelberg, better of the sides for 70 minutes, could have been excused for thinking they were at the wrong ground.

Regardless the players went through their paces and it was a determined Marconi comeback that secured a point after an equaliser from Eddie Krncevic 10 minutes from time.

Heidelberg failed to make the best of a number of chances and twice had goals disallowed and suffered the consequences.

Both sides opened up brightly enough with Heidelberg managing to etch out the best chances through Paton, Bozikas and the now more confident Cole. Paton's header goal within the first five minutes was disallowed, Cole put a sitter over the bar and Tony Henderson headed an attempted clearance against Corry's upright before the Warriors actually went ahead six minutes from half-time.

John Yzendoorn was the scorer, hitting a deadly first time shot low and hard past Corry after a free-kick just outside the area.

Marconi's best player was Gary Byrne and he was unlucky to find Jeff Olver in such good form on two occasions.

Heidelberg's defence, marshalled brilliantly by Arthur McMillan, was under the pressure as the game drew to a close.

Olver parried three times and finally held the ball after Marconi looked sure to score in a desperate goalmouth melee in the 71st minutes.

Although Cole saw another Heidelberg goal not given before the final whistle, it was definitely the visitors who had the upper hand towards the finish. Ironically though, it was two of their sadly out of touch players in Sharne and Krncevic who combined to tie the scores in the 81st minute. Sharne crossed, Krncevic's header beat Olver in the air. It was that sort of a game.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, Yankos, Provan, Yzendoorn, McMillan, Rooney (Tacevski 84), Taylor, Selemidis, Cole, Paton, Bozikas.

MARCONI: Corry, Degney, Tomasich, Mariani, Calderon, Byrne, Jankovics, Brogan, Henderson (Carbone 64), Krncevic, Sharne.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge. CROWD: 2,800.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Heidelberg: McMillan 2. Marconi: Byrne 2.

"DOCHERTY STYLE" SOCCER

By Tom McKain

The inspiring shadow of Tommy Docherty hung over Sydney-Olympic at Hindmarsh Stadium last Wednesday night as they raced to a 1-0 win over West Adelaide.

It was British Soccer against an Australian brand as the visitors played like a whirlwind after going a goal up in the first minute.

Mark Koussas found himself unmarked outside the home penalty box, raced in, and cracked a powerful drive past goalkeeper Martyn Crook.

And it was Crook and some dour field defensive work which kept the score so respectable for the Hawks.

Peter Raskopoulos was in devastating form, as was Peter Katholos and Tommy Gavin.

New coach Doug Collins has left the style untouched and it is obvious the Olympians will shatter a few more clubs before the sea-

The Hawks had defenders Con Kambas and Zoran Maricic out injured, but even allowing for this looked a team bound for relegation.

Youth Socceroo Ian McKie looked good when he came on, but over the whole piece the Sydney players' speed left them stranded.

HAWKS: Crook, Wright, Gregson (McKie 46), Forde, Topaz, Bozanic, Brown (Marwe 65), Manecas, Kowalski, Honeyman, McGregor.

OLYMPIANS: P. Wilson, Moulis, Cross, Raskopoulos, Ziras, K Wilson, Jamieson, Gavin, Koussas, Katholos, Jennings.

REFEREE: Peter Nossis (SA)

MAN OF THE MATCH: Olympians — Raskopoulos 3. Hawks — Wright 2.

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JUNIOR SOCCER SKILL COACHING

DOUG COLLINS LEADS COACHING

Sydney Olympians coach, Doug Collins, will be the major coach for the upcoming Soccer Skill coaching.

"We aim to develop the youth side of the game," Collins said when talking about the coaching.

"I believe, from my experience in America, that this is where the future of the game lies.

"We'll be teaching basic Soccer skills. Until you've got the basics, it's no use going on to the complicated stuff."

Collins outlined the way the sessions will be structured: "We hope to develop the basics in the morning, and then in the afternoon develop what has been learnt in the morning with games, particularly five-a-sides.

"Then we can see how the kids are progressing."

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THE YOUNG CHAMPIONS

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By John Economos

THE YOUNG CHAMPIONS ARE COMING.

In fact 15 battalions from all over the world will fly into Australia towards the end of September to clash in Soccer battle for the Coca-Cola Cup, the world's second most prestigious Soccer trophy, valued at $20,000.

Australia, the host nation, has been drawn in first round battles at the Sydney Cricket Ground against Argentina, England and Cameroon.

Television will beam live telecasts to 53 nations all over the world for this spectacular Soccer extravaganza, the World Youth Championship.

Five other Soccer arenas in Australia will simultaneously stage other Soccer battles as the contenders vie desperatley for a place in the Final, to be staged at the SCG on October 18.

Will Argentina, current Coca-Cola Cup holders, retain their title?

I think not.

How will Australia stack up against the more professional Soccer enemy?

I firmly believe it will surprise many countries for reasons I will divulge in the coming weeks.

Every week, as we have done for the past four weeks, ASW will bring our readers a run-down on two of Australia's YOUNG CHAMPIONS, so that you may get an insight on them well before they take the pitch against the coming enemy.

Late last week, the ASF reported advanced ticket sales for the WYC of some $107,000. Indeed a fabulous early interest to the second largest sporting event ever held in Australia.

The 1,670 Soccer clubs all over Australia have begun inquiries for advance ticket purchase for the spectacular series.

I very strongly advise all our readers to get cracking well before October 3 in purchasing their requirements, as there will be no live telecast coverage for domestic viewing.

So now, let's go and meet Australia's YOUNG CHAMPIONS Nos 9 and 10, Robert Wheatley from the Blacktown City club, and Glen Ahearn from the Sydney City club.

No 9. GLEN AHEARN

Born: 13.12.62 in Fairfield.
Height: 6 feet 2 inches.
Position: Australia's No 1 Goalkeeper.
Previous clubs: Musgrove Hill, Gold Coast City, Brisbane Lions, now with PSL Champions, Sydney City.
Favourite PSL player: Jimmy Hermiston and Kenny Boden.
Favourite overseas player: Pat Jennings.
Favourite car: Porsche, but drives a Datsun 200B.
Ambition: To do well in whatever he attempts in life and to be happy.
Music: Bob Dylan and Bob Marley.

Who does Glen see as the main contender for the Coca-Cola Cup? Wait for it . . . Australia. And jesting he was not.

"Why not? We have good, solid, strong young Australians who at the moment are given no chance at all for no good reason. Nobody really knows much about us, and everyone will be treating us as underdogs. Unknown, on our own home pitch, good regular training camps, three tours under our belts with the current tour representing Australia in the World Cup against Indonesia and Taiwan against fully seasoned senior opponents, all adding up to an excellent run-in to the WYC.

I asked Glen for his advice to young Soccer players.

"Train very hard and give dedication to Soccer. Allow nothing to interfere with your progress."

Most influential people in his Soccer career have been, mostly his Dad and more recently, ex-Scottish international goalkeeper, Frank Haffey, who takes all Sydney City's goalkeepers for specialised training.

No10. ROBERT WHEATLEY

Born: 17.5.62.
Height: 5 feet 11 inches.
Position: Attacking right full-back.
Previous clubs: Ku-ring-gai Soccer Assn: Wahroonga Soccer Juniors. Joined his current club, Blacktown City, from Ku-ring-gai this year.
Favourite PSL player: Gary Byrne.
Favourite overseas player: Frank Stapleton.
Favourite car: Mazda RX7, but drives a Mini LS.
Ambition: To play well for Australia, and obtain his Bachelor of Physical Education degree at the Ku-ring-gai College of Education.
Music: Modern, band and soft music depending on the occasion.

Robbie's favourite overseas clubs are Arsenal and Argentina's River Plate.

Robert started playing his junior Soccer as a central striker, then gradually drifted back into the midfield and, when he arrived at Blacktown this year, concentrated all his energies at right back, a position he has handled very efficiently.

Wheatley has temporarily sacrificed his scholastic progress by suspending his course with the College to enable him to play for Australia in all preparation matches leading up to the World Youth Championship.

He states that three people have had a marked influence on his Soccer career. First was his Dad, then came Ku-ring-gai's junior coach, Irv Gillies, and finally his school teacher at Normanhurst Boys High, John McDonald. It was under John McDonald that Normanhurst Boys High figured so prominently in Soccer. It came as no surprise that the school won the coveted Tasman Cup twice in a row in 1979 and 1980.

Robbie's advice to young potential Soccer stars is complete dedication. He says that there are too many distractions to sway young players off Soccer.

Robbie maintains that Australia has a golden opportunity to restore much of its prestige through the Young Champions, together with the overall publicity, organisation and exposure by staging the World Youth Championship. He gives much credit to the WYC Director, Brian Emery.

SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE

Junior clubs, schools and associations supplying stories and/or pictures to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY up to the issue of August 25, 1981, qualify for consideration for prizes of $150 for first, $100 for second and $50 for third. The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final. Send your entries to ASW, Box 406, Broadway 2007.

ACADEMY OFF TO FINE START

The ACT Academy of Soccer has proved a hit with the lucky under 14 players who rushed to enrol from the start.

Players are happy, parents are happy and the small volunteer staff of ACTAS is also happy with progress to date, which has included at least one weekend camp.

As many of the under 14 players enrolled are also in the ACT representative squad for the national titles, ACT Director of Coaching, Les Bee, will have an early indicator of how successful his training and coaching has been.

Enrolment for under 13 players is scheduled for September, giving the players at least two months experience before ACTAS breaks up for the summer vacation.

The 35 U14 players are: Maurice Accinelli, Peter Mazis and Richard Tomaszenski (Canberra North), Steve Allen, Gray Charlton, Peter Deponte and John Vigours (Majura), Graham Barclay, Matthew Godfrey, James Harvey, Peter Yung, Illya Kiraly, Richard Murphy, Darren Priddle and Otto Steinbacher (Weston Creek), John Brown, Mario Catanzariti, Frank D'Addario, Alan Dunn, David Hatfield, Michael McGready, John Nelson, Paul Roche and Mark Steele (Belconnen United); Vlaho Burum, Jorge Cerro, Victor Fernandez, Mario Kovacevic and George Kulcsar (Croatia Deakin); Bruce Hoogendoorn and Angelo Soldo (Kambah United); Anthony Innaimo (Monaro); Temelko Kostevski and Andrew White (Narrabundah SC) and Desmond Milligan (Melrose).

The ACTSF executive committee has approved a request from Bee to accept the voluntary services of former ACT representative player, Mike Black, now a qualified coach. Approval was also given for Bee to invite top coaches to turn out as guest coaches for occasional sessions with the lucky candidates.

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS SQUADS

The ACT primary schools squad competing in the Australian carnival at Blacktown City Stadium included: Dean Gardiner, Craig Cochrane, Mark Kent, Rodney Sutcliffe, Brian Walkins, Ismo Talka, Michael North, Sasha Jancevski, Lorimer Moseley, Gus Cerro, Jim Roach, Denis Maricic, Don Cruttenden and Craig Hoogendoorn. Coach of the squad is John Whitely and Peter Collin is the manager.

The ACT s under 14 squad for the Australian national titles in Mt Isa, coached by ACT Director of Coaching, Les Bee, includes: M. Accinelli, M. Catanzariti, J. Cerro, F. D'Addario, P. Deponti, A. Dunn, M. Godfrey, P. Jung, I. Kiraly, M. Kovacevic, G. Kulcsar, P. Mazis, R. Murphy, M. Steele, R. Tomaszewski and J. Vigours.

The under 15 squad for Perth, coached by Stuart Devlin, includes: A. Bernall, J. Dunn, J. Felizzi, F. Florian, S. Gardiner, J. Graham, A. Hanley, N. Houston, P. Jancevski, K. Livas, P. Nicholson, B. Rosenberg, J. Tonna, L. Thurecht, J. Vrkic and A. Wain.

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JUNIOR SOCCER

IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED WITH TERTIARY EDUCATION SOCCER

One of the most vital developmental functions that should be undertaken in Sydney is to make the contacts necessary to establish a competition between all the tertiary educational bodies.

For years past the NSW Soccer Federation has only concentrated upon its own divisions.

It was the push in the ACT and surrounding areas that brought it into the conducting of the Southern NSW League.

Little has ever been done to assist the schools.

For many years there has been room to build up contact with universities and colleges of advanced education in the government and private areas.

No substantial evidence can be located on improvements in this vital area, which creates players and then so often the teachers, who become expert at propagating the code in the education system.

The Rugby League has a University Cup competition which handles clubs from the universities, the NSW Institute of Technology, Polding College, and Colleges of Advanced Education.

ASW will be only too delighted to provide space to publicise any move to start Soccer moving in the right direction in tertiary education.

James Ruse Agricultural High School took out the Northern & Ku-ring-gai Soccer Cup by defeating Normanhurst Boys High 2-0 at Englefield Stadium. A big crowd saw Greg Bromley and David Sayer score for the winners. But James Ruse girls lost their final 3-0 to Marsden, who scored through Carol Guludice, Karen Boggs and Michelle Gay.

The James Ruse team: BACK ROW (L to R): P. McCann, W. Lamb, M. Swartz, A. Jarman, D. Sayer, R. Ings, S. Crawston, P. Hajas. FRONT ROW: B. Sertbas, R. Lovett, G. Bromley, G. Wilkinson (capt), A. Lacey (vice-capt), D. Carrigan, M. Upfold, G. Young.

START SUPPORTING OUR OWN KIDS

says David Lee

Misdirection of finances is costing Soccer dearly when it comes to producing young players of potential star quality.

ASW recently pointed out that junior representative players had to find $50 each to attend the national championships.

What is that compared with what players have to do to get themselves to the Australian Schools Championship.

Their contribution had to be $225 each.

In organising the Australian Primary Schools Carnival for Sydney this year convenor Richard Lorenc approached the NSW Soccer Federation for assistance. He received $100.

As far as I am aware Casey De Bruin and I were the only two senior or full-time coaches to attend the NSW CHS titles at Wollongong.

What happened to those full-time coaches who are so often talking about developing local talent?

Compare this lack of interest and hopeless funding to the situation of one PSL club on the eastern seaboard.

That club cannot find a job for a very ordinary import and are forced to pay him $500 per week!

They feed their youth team on fish and chips when they send them to away matches.

Are we never going to get our priorities right and really train the best of our local Australian players?

JUNIOR FINALS IN COUNTRY

Cootamundra has been chosen for this year's NSW Championships at under 11.

The U10s go to Dubbo, and both tournaments are from September 4/6.

All grades from U12 to U16 will be played at The Crest grounds at Georges Hall in the Bankstown district on August 29/30.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY will be keeping you informed on the progress of the big Champion of champions events in their various grades.

This popular series opens on Sunday, September 20.

NSW PRIMARY SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSN:
UMBRO SHIELD SEMI-FINALS
Gabbie Stadium, Seven Hills

Thurs, August 27: 9am Balgownie v Beresford Rd.
10am Valentine v Edgeworth
1pm Play-off.
2pm Umbro Shield final.

SYDNEY METROP CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Top Three teams from U10/U16 grades in Sydney go into the State finals against Riverina, Western NSW and Southern NSW at The Crest of Bankstown grounds next Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Joining the leading Metropolitan Championship teams in U10/U13 grades are the leaders of the NSW Youth League U/14/U16 grades.

The final point scores in the Metropolitan Championships were:

U13: St George 22, Ku-ring-gai 18, Sutherland 18, Canterbury 16, Manly 14, Granville 12, Illawarra 11, Bankstown 11, Southern & Eastern 11, Nepean 10, Blacktown 6, Gladesville 4, Central Coast 4.

U12: Granville 21, St George 19, Nepean 18, Gladesville 16, Illawarra 16, Canterbury 14, Bankstown 12, Southern & Eastern 11, Central Coast 9, Sutherland 8, Manly 7, Ku-ring-gai 4, Blacktown 1.

U11: Illawarra 27, St George 20, Gladesville 17, Canterbury 16, Nepean 14, Bankstown 12, Granville 11, Sutherland 11, Blacktown 9, Manly 8, Southern & Eastern 6, Central Coast 4, Ku-ring-gai 0.

U10: Granville 18, Illawarra 13, Nepean 13, Gladesville 11, Canterbury 10, St George 9, Southern & Eastern 7, Manly 5, Bankstown 5, Blacktown 3.

OLYMPIC U14 WINS YL

A great team performance by Sydney Olympic took them to a 2-1 extra-time win over Leichhardt in the replay NSW Youth League U14 final.

Although technically slightly superior, Olympic found the contest very close, especially as Leichhardt got on top in the last 15 minutes.

It was Leichhardt goalkeeper Glen Guerreiro and defender Jim Kasaros who kept their team in the game.

Leichhardt's consolation was to have won the U15 and U16 grades the previous week.

PARRAMATTA CITY CUP

The final was to be played on Wednesday night at Garside Park, but it was held over to this Wednesday night due to the appearance of a number of the Canterbury players in last Wednesday's Enmore High Tasman Cup finalist team.

A great match is expected against the powerful Leichhardt U16 team.

POLONIA KO CUP

Round 2 results

U14: Manly 1, Canterbury 0; Sutherland 5, Melita 0; Blacktown Assn 3, Southern Dists 0; Blacktown City 3, Nepean 2.

U15: Manly 6, Bankstown 0; Illawarra 5, Riverwood 1; Gladesville 1, Sydney Olympic 0; Nepean 3, Blacktown City 1.

U16: Manly 2, Southern & Eastern 1; Riverwood 2, Illawarra 0; Sydney Olympic 2, Blacktown Assn 1; Nepean bye.

Round 3 draw: Sat. August 29.

Cromer Park: U14 Manly v Nepean; U15 Manly v Blacktown City; U16 Manly v Nepean.

Bates Drive: U14 Sutherland v Blacktown Assn; U15 Illawarra v Gladesville; U16 Sydney Olympic v Riverwood.

Kick-off times: U14 noon; U15 1.15pm; U16 3pm.

CORRECTION

The advertisement for Junior Soccer Skill Coaching on page 12 of Australian Soccer Weekly August 18, 1981, should have read "any enquires contact:
Doug Collins, 522 6281 (After Hours Only)
OR
Roy Pack at Yonex Sportswear, 144 Victoria Rd, Marrickville. W. 516 4666 H. 522 6281."

Australian Soccer Weekly and Roy Pack apologise to Doug Collins' employers, Evercraft, for any inconvenience.

We requested your photos, and the reply in recent weeks has been enormous. Here's a selection of junior photos in a special ASW "Photo Extra" . . .

HEBERSHAM HAWKS U9: BACK ROW (L to R): Ronnie Ionn (coach), Jason Linder (capt), Craig Howard, Shane Casey, Cliff Ionn (asst coach). MIDDLE ROW: Brett Henman, Mathew Bailey, Bobby Cook, Paul Zizik, Jason Mann. FRONT ROW: Damian McCall, Carl Bracewell, Michael Duffy. Goalkeeper: David Dela Blanco.

St George's highly-rated under 12 representative team recently gained a 1-0 win over the great youngsters of the Nepean team. They are coming through the NSW Metropolitan championships undefeated, under coach Mr Warren Barton, the father of St George State League midfielder Mark Barton. Mr Maher Garret of Hajinikitas Real Estate at Brighton was so impressed with their performances that he arranged for a much appreciated sponsorship, in the form of a set of tracksuits for the players. In the picture Mr Garret (right) is seen making the presentation to St George official Mr Bill Dobson.

Pictured are (L to R) Standing: G. Forrester, J. Bates, S. Cooke, P. Preston, A. Simpson, Mr Bill Dobson, R. Barnes, B. Campbell, P. Wenham, Mr Maher Garret, C. Wilcox, J. Laurenson, J. O'Connors. S. Clift, M. Gombi, S. Barton, S. Trajkovski, M. Akkaway. Absent G. Hawksworth.

There is style and balance in this clash between a Liverpool and a North Sydney player at the NSW Primary Schools Sports Assn inter-regional championships played at Kellyville.

Coach Ian McIntosh welded the Blacktown City U16 youth team into a very successful outfit this year, winning their group in the NSW Youth League. Darren Plumb and Robert Turch were the top goalscorers for the team and gained places for NSW at U15 level. David Falzon and Terry Hanson are State U16 players.

The players and officials are: BACK ROW (L to R): Ian McIntosh (coach), Darren Plumb, Neal Muston, Peter Whelan, David Falzon, Craig Woods, Bradley Pride, Damian Page, Terry Hanson, Wally Klug (manager). FRONT ROW: Rodney Whittington, Nino Pala, Michael Kean, Michael Johnson, Louis Faucheux, Robert Turch.

MARCONI's U12 team contains a future Socceroo or two, writes the club Ladies Auxiliary official K. Pecsi. The players are: L. Bitzerma, D. Kristan, M. Vadala, A. Vidic, R. D'amore, A. Mamone. D. Gerencser, M. Mangolini, D. Brentin, S. Fogety, R. Duardo I. Arce, C. Sannio. Manager P. Pecsi, coach L. Mangolini.

We would be pleased if you could print the photo of our local U9 team — 1981 champions before the comp games were finished (leading by six points with one game to go).
Thank you,
Paul Zizik

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

CROATIA	26	23	3	0	75-18	49
ST GEORGE	26	22	3	1	92-16	47
MELITA EAGLES	26	15	8	3	55-22	38
POLONIA	26	12	7	7	35-33	31
SUTHERLAND	26	11	8	7	31-24	30
INTER MONARO	26	8	7	11	38-49	23
MANLY	26	8	5	13	34-36	21
RIVERWOOD	26	9	3	14	28-47	21
CANTERBURY	26	6	8	12	34-50	20
AUBURN	26	9	2	15	24-46	20
AVALA	26	7	4	15	29-54	18
BANKSTOWN	26	7	2	17	30-51	16
NORTH SYDNEY	26	5	5	16	29-54	15
PARRAMATTA	26	6	3	17	21-57	15

TOP SCORERS

38. Marton(SG)
24. M.Silva Cr
17. Farrugia(ME)
14. Allan ME
13. Heywood(IM), Hensman(Cr)
12. Barton SG, R.Brown CM)
10. Samuels(Av)
9. J.Morsello NS, M.Kovacic Cr, Williams(CM), Regan(MW), Campbell(SG)
8. Noble(IM)
7. Rootsey(B), Jack(MW), T.Wilson(NS), A.Budini Pol, Walker SG, T.Bush, Groome S,

NEXT GAMES

SEMI-FINALS
Sunday, August 30
Venue: Sydney Sportsground

First Division:
Yugal v Fairy Meadow — Guildford Pk
Ku-ring-gai v Wollongong — Francis Pk

State League:
First grade — Melita v Polonia — 3.00 pm
Second grade — Manly v St George — 1.10 pm
Third grade — Riverwood v B'stown — 11.30 am

RELEGATION PLAY-OFFS
Saturday, August 29
Venue: Potts Park, Rookwood Rd, Yagoona

First Division:
Belmore v Uni of NSW — 12.45 pm

State League:
North Sydney v Parramatta — 3.00 pm

PHILIPS YOUTH LEAGUE

	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Goal Diff
A.I.S.	24	14	3	7	66	41	31	+25
Leichhardt	22	13	5	4	50	29	31	+21
Marconi	22	13	4	5	53	24	30	+29
Newcastle	23	11	8	4	45	37	30	+8
Sydney City	23	8	10	5	56	34	26	+22
Olympians	23	9	6	8	38	28	24	+10
Wollongong	23	7	3	13	27	52	17	−25
Blacktown	21	3	3	15	28	54	9	−26
Canberra	21	1	2	18	17	81	4	−64

CROATIA CHAMPS, WHILE POLONIA SNEAK FOURTH

By Brad Earl

A Bobby Pagano goal was enough to seal the premiership for Croatia as they cruised to a 1-0 win over Parramatta.

That defeat — an inevitable one — leaves Parramatta on the bottom of the table, behind North Sydney on goal difference, but as both have 15 points they will now have to play off.

Polonia sneaked into fourth place with a narrow 2-1 win over Manly, to edge out Sutherland, who have been fourth for almost the whole season.

Sutherland needed a draw with St George to win a semi-final berth, but the Saints demolished their local rivals 4-0.

Bankstown pulled an Houdini act to steer clear of the bottom, and are now officially in third last place after convincingly beating Riverwood.

That was their fourth win in the last five games, and only a month ago they were five points adrift of the field at the foot of the table, and such a recovery deserves high credit.

In the minor semi-final on Sunday, between Polonia and Melita, both sides will be without one important player — Polonia's Ziggy Garlowski out through suspension and Melita's Bob McPherson likely to be missing due to an injury he received in Monaro.

While their strike-force doesn't give one much to rave about, Polonia's trump card is the defence, with the star goalkeeper Ziggy Kalinowski's hands acting like two solid steel doors.

PARRA - NORTHS PLAY-OFF

Melita have a very nicely balanced side, but they will need to pull out all the spirit the side has to break down Polonia, who will surely play it safe.

This match doesn't have the colour the other top-four matches promise, but it will be a hard-fought clash between two contrasting sides.

Melita will start favourites, but be prepared for surprises from Polonia.

The relegation play-off will be held on Saturday, and both sides, Parramatta and North Sydney, will be fighting for their life.

North Sydney coach, Fil Bottalico, says he hopes some of his injured players, particularly Bob McGinn and Allan Gibson, will be able to play in this vital game.

Bottalico said confidently "We have a lot of young boys, but we will beat Parramatta next week, I can promise you that."

Somehow, I think Parramatta will repeat their 1-0 victory over Norths from the second last round of the league just two weeks ago.

ST GEORGE — SUTHERLAND 4-0

Marton 3, Campbell

St George turned in a much-improved team performance to defeat Sutherland 4-0, but it was too late to reclaim top spot.

Dez Marton finished the season with 38 goals following another hat-trick, while Ernie Campbell, who has been in fine form lately, scored one goal.

Marton scored in the 25th, 50th and 73rd minutes, the last a penalty after a Sutherland player handled on the line, while Campbell netted in the 54th minute.

Mal Haynes did well in Sutherland's goal to deny St George a heftier scoreline, and the Saints always had the Sharks defence under pressure.

St George central defender, David Rylands, was substituted through injury in the second half, replaced by young versatile player Jimmy Tuntevski.

PARRAMATTA — CROATIA 0-1

Pagano

Before a 3,900 crowd at Garside Park, Croatia were never under any real threat to defeat Parramatta.

The result was virtually settled when Bob Pagano broke through after only eight minutes, and Parramatta only had a couple of chances, which they failed to capitalise on.

In the 44th minute, Hilton Silva hit the post for Croatia.

Silva was one of the best players, along with left-back Pagano and central defender Kevin Coleman.

MONARO — MELITA 2-2

Valeri, Arquero — Allan 2

This match turned out to be a rugged affair between Monaro and third-placed Melita, with one Monaro player, defender Mark Francis, having to go to hospital after he was struck as the players left the field at full-time.

Melita had a high injury toll, with six players affected by bruising tackles. Bob McPherson received a bad ankle injury and had to be taken off just before half-time, Don Allan had a gashed shin as a result of a bad tackle, Terry Jones had a cut knee, Paul Daley had a cut nose and lip, Hector Martinez was badly bruised, and Ray Farrugia was concussed.

Don Allan was in scoring form after a long absence from the goalscorers' list, netting first after nine minutes. Goalkeeper Terry Greedy threw the ball out to Bobby McPherson on the left, who play it forward for John Stoddart to cross for Allan to head in on the near post.

It was down the left that Melita were creating havoc, with McPherson, Stoddart and Hector Martinez working well down that side.

In the first half Monaro's Ally Link missed two golden opportunities and had another effort well-saved by Terry Greedy, but just before half-time Monaro equalised when Mauro Valeri hit a good shot to score.

In the 67th minute Monaro midfielder Joe Arquero hooked onto a long ball which fell into the penalty area to score, but that goal triggered Melita once more — the result, a headed goal from Allan in the 80th minute after Martinez beat the defence out wide.

"They didn't want to play," Melita coach Vic Dalgleish said. "We mesmerised them in the first 20 minutes and played some really exciting football. We played out wide more than through the middle, and this worked, particularly on the left side.

"There were some vicious tackles — not bad tackles, just vicious — and there were a couple of melees, with up to eight players in one scuffle. The referee lost complete control at times — in fact one linesman did a better job."

Melita president, Emmanuel Said, added: "The Soccer Federation should definitely appoint a neutral referee instead of home-town officials. The rough play and butchery was worse than in Rugby League — it was a thugs' game. In fact we were prepared to pull out at half-time and suffer the consequences."

POLONIA — MANLY 2-1

A.Budini, Galas — Regan

This match, which finished in a narrow 2-1 win for Polonia, was a classic tale of two halves.

The first 45 minutes belonged to Polonia, who pushed long balls in the wind behind the defence. They scored two goals, first through Anito Budini and then with a rocketing free-kick taken by Tony Galas.

Manly came back in the second half, and particularly piled the pressure on in the last half-hour, with their goal coming from forward Stuart Regan.

Regan, Keith and Peter Falconer, and replacement right winger Rob Stuart did well for Manly, while Ricky Budini was Polonia's star.

Galas, midfielder Ben Divani and replacement forward Scott Dickson also had good games.

Ziggy Garlowski, who plays wide on the left side of the midfield, received his fourth yellow card, which means he must miss Polonia.s semi-final against Melita next week.

BANKSTOWN — RIVERWOOD 2-0

Beater, Rea

Bankstown pulled clear of relegation with this fine 2-0 win over a very lack-lustre Riverwood.

Both goals came in the second half, the first from striker John Beater and the second, a brilliant goal, scored by midfielder Peter Rea, who netted with a header from 15 metres.

"Once the pressure was off at 2-0 up, we played much better football," Bankstown coach Bob Ferguson said. "We could have had five goals in the second half.

"I got a bit uptight when people said we're headed for relegation. In the last six or seven games we've had good results; we only lost 1-0 to St George and 2-0 to Croatia. And now we've finished in third last place — not last, or not even second last. The determination and spirit was always there.

"Greg Lynch had a fine game on Sunday, and the young players worked their guts out — Craig Ferguson, John Nocera, John Beater.

"I don't know what's wrong with Riverwood. Wally Lachowicz said at the end of the game: 'that's the easiest game we've had all year'," Ferguson said.

AUBURN — NORTH SYDNEY 3-1

Daley 2, Brown — T.Wilson

Auburn smashed North Sydney with two goals in the opening five minutes on the way to a 3-1 win.

Dennis Daley and Rod Brown scored the early goals, but North Sydney fought back well in the first half.

However Auburn had it all their own in the second half, with a further goal coming from Daley before Tony Wilson pulled back a consolation effort for Norths.

Auburn also had two goals disallowed, and were always on top of relegation-haunted North Sydney.

Mick Dale had an excellent game for the losers, while midfielder Chris Quigley and defenders Geoff Bielby and Darren McInerney performed well for Auburn.

Archie Blue was back in the North Sydney side at sweeper today, after missing last week's Parramatta match.

CANTERBURY — AVALA 0-1

Samuels

A goal from Mark Samuels with seven minutes to go was enough to give Avala victory over Canterbury, who found it very hard to get forward.

Avala had much of the play in the first half, but Canterbury did come back in the second period.

With nothing at stake, Canterbury brought a few youngsters in. Bill Vassaliou (16), a winger, and 17-year-old Eric Osman were two young players who came into the team. Vassaliou started the season playing in Canterbury.s under 16 Youth League team, while Osman has played in second grade for most of this year.

Canterbury still had John Pettas and John Karaspyros sidelined with injury.

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7	KURINGAI	0:1	0:1	0:1	2:1	2:0	2:0	I	1:1	4:0	1:0	4:0	2:0	3:1	6:2
8	YUGAL	3:2	4:1	0:1	2:1	3:2	0:0	2:1	S	2:1	3:1	1:2	4:2	0:0	7:2
9	PENRITH	1:1	1:3	1:0	0:0	3:3	1:0	0:1	2:2	I	0:0	2:2	1:1	0:1	2:2
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12	WARRINGAH	3:3	4:3	1:2	0:2	3:3	4:0	1:6	3:3	4:1	3:1	0:0	O	1:3	2:2
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7	NORTH SYDNEY	1:2	3:1	1:4	0:1	1:0	2:3	T	2:0	0:4	1:0	3:4	1:2	2:2	2:1
8	AUBURN	1:2	0:1	0:1	0:5	1:0	2:0	3:1	E	1:0	0:1	0:5	1:1	2:0	2:3
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SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

YUGAL RETURN, BUT NEED STRENGTHENING

By Brad Earl

Yugal return to the NSW State League in 1982 after defeating Ku-ring-gai 2-1 in the end-of-season title clash held specially at the Sydney Athletic Field before a crowd of 1,038.

It was former PSL player Dave McIntosh who hit the winner after eight minutes of the second half.

As soon as the match started Yugal moved into attack. After seven minutes David Travini, one of the most experienced players in the team, missed a clear shot, and then in the ninth minute Fijian striker Amanji Rokoderea headed in a cross from the left, but he was clearly offside.

One minute later former Gladesville player, Denis McGrath, scored for Yugal, from what appeared to me to be an offside position. From a free-kick just past halfway, Rokoderea headed on inside the penalty area to McGrath, who had no trouble putting it away.

After that, Ku-ring-gai settled in and started playing the ball round well. In the 18th minute, Keith Gould scored for them with a well-taken equaliser. Central striker John McCranor headed it across to Gould on the left side of the area, and he hit a shot which goalkeeper Peter Berry could only help into the net.

The rest of the match swayed back and forth. Early in the second half, Sammy Babian swung a cross in from the left which was touched down to the ground by Rokederea for McIntosh to scoop home for the deciding goal.

Four minutes later Patrick Rodas hit a free-kick from 35 metres which was pushed over the top by Ku-ring-gai goalkeeper Phil Antman, and a minute later Rokoderea's header struck the cross-bar.

For the rest of the match, Yugal tried to play it safe and push the ball back through the defence, as Ku-ring-gai pushed forward in search of another equaliser. Ku-ring-gai were really piling on the pressure as the seconds ticked away, but the central defence of McIntosh and John Clarke kept them at bay.

Stopper McIntosh and sweeper Clarke were Yugal's best players, with McGrath and Babian turning in reasonable performances.

For Ku-ring-gai, the star was young right winger Peter Seach, along with central defenders Alan Robertson and Derek Sidey.

Ku-ring-gai have a very young side held together by a few experienced players in Sidey, and midfielders Gould and McGill.

Their coach, Harry Noon, said after his team's loss: "That's our first away loss this year. Clarke and McIntosh in the Yugal back-four were the major point in their win. We played well enough in the first half to wrap it up, and we tried to build something from behind, while they just knocked the ball through and tried to catch us on the turn. We dominated the midfield.

"The first division's a bad league. After the first five clubs — Yugal, Ku-ring-gai, Fairy Meadow, Wollongong United and Blacktown United — the rest of the teams are just also-rans."

Yugal's coach, Ilija Takac, said: "We didn't plan to be here at the beginning of the season, but we've slowly built the team, and here we are. Ku-ring-gai are just as good as we are, but on the day we created more chances.

"I've been taking steps to improve the squad, and I've lined up a few players from this division who may join us, and I think with these players, Yugal will have a reasonably good season in the State League."

Yugal hope to permanently sign two players in the team who have been on loan, McIntosh from St George and Babian from Melita.

This is how the side won the championship: goalkeeper Peter Berry; right-back Fred Cummings; left-back Mick Rendel; stopper Dave McIntosh; sweeper John Clarke; midfield Denis McGrath, Patrick Rodas, Stan Tanoski; winger Sammy Babian; forwards David Travini and Amanji Rokoderea, with replacement midfielders Tom Mihajlovic and Dragan Jejic.

I feel the side is strong enough in the goalkeeper and back-line, but the midfield and strike-force will need definite strengthening if the side is to make a success of its first season back in State League after two years' absence.

DAVE McINTOSH

ILIJA TAKAC

Round 26:

Yugal - Kuringai	2-1
Uni of NSW - Bathurst	2-2
Blacktown - Revesby	3-0
Fairy Meadow - Warringah	2-1
Wollongong - Guidford	2-0
Ravens - N.Bankstown	0-0
Penrith - Belmore	1-0

FINAL TABLE

YUGAL	26	18	5	3	58-29	41
KURINGAI	26	17	5	4	49-19	39
FAIRY MEADOW	26	16	6	4	53-24	38
WOLLONGONG	26	16	5	5	54-18	37
BLACKTOWN UTD	26	16	5	5	48-20	37
BATHURST	26	8	8	10	30-39	24
PENRITH	26	6	9	11	24-42	21
WARRINGAH	26	5	10	11	46-58	20
GUILDFORD	26	5	9	12	22-43	19
NORTH BANKSTOWN	26	6	6	14	31-43	18
REVESBY	26	6	6	14	35-49	18
GLADESVILLE	26	4	10	12	20-41	18
BELMORE	26	3	11	12	17-43	17
UNI OF NSW	26	5	7	14	31-60	17

NSW DIV. 2

Lane Cove - Queens Park	4-2
Hills - Campbelltown	1-1
Mt Druitt - Riverstone	4-0
Albion - Hornsby	2-0
Dee Why - North Ryde	2-1
Rockdale - Eagles	4-1

NSW DIV. 3:

Kingsford - Sydney Uni	2-0
Hacking - Zagreb	3-1
Padstow - Bondi	2-0
Fairfield Kiev - Spanish	5-2

NSW DIV. 4:

Chelsea - West Holroyd	1-1
Fairfield W. - Concordia	2-1
Revesby R.- Ryde District	1-1
Winston H.- North Rocks	0-1

NSW DIV. 5:

Macquarie - Moorebank	0-1
Haberfield - Auburn	5-1
Edensor - Pagewood	5-2
Green V - Hawkesbury	3-2

NSW DIV. 6:

Wanderers - Colo Colo	2-0
Hajduk - South Sydney	5-0
Robins - Blacktown	1-3
Liv.City - Parramatta	2-1
Bankstown - Liv.Rangers	0-0

KEIRA & COAST TRIUMPH IN TASMAN CUP

by Keith Gilmour

Keira Boys High School from Wollongong added their name to the illustrious list of Tasman Cup winners when they defeated Enmore 3-0 at Barton Stadium.

The brilliant Kumsuz later showed some temperament and was sent off by referee Gary Power in the 73rd minute.

But by then the younger Keira team, comprising mainly Year 10 students, had the game well in hand due to their ability to use the wings to advantage.

In the 15th minute, Keira goalkeeper Grant Hogan pulled off a fine save from a shot by Enmore playmaker Louis Psevdoikonomou.

Peter Kotamanidis coolly stroked the ball home for Keira's first goal, following a right wing corner from Miguel Reyes.

Nigel McTrustry, the Keira striker, was a bundle of trouble for Enmore as was winger Alberto Calderan, who was one of his team to continually bring out the best in Enmore goalie Jim Konistis.

Kotamanidis had all the authority in the world as he rounded the Enmore defence for a second goal, and shortly after that, Konistis was forced into another great save, this time due to a flighted ball from Graham Lovett.

With 11 minutes remaining, Calderan was brought down and responded by scoring from the spot.

In an early game, NSW CHS ran out 3-1 winners over the NSW Private Schools representative team.

But for the 268-school Tasman Cup, it was second time lucky for the South Coast, as Woonona High School won in 1980.

And the second time for Keira, who last won the Cup back in 1965.

Northern NSW

Ian Smith

By Ian Smith

Weston Bears found their form, unfortunately for them it was two weeks too late, and though it gives them confidence for the major premiership they must rue their previous match against Wallsend.

With a 1-0 scoreline at half-time, Weston ran out comfortable winners by 3-0 with Tony Bull, Dominic Marrone and a Dave Miller penalty making up the scoreline.

Tamworth had some consolation however when their team wrapped up the under 19 premiership and that side will play against Lismore in the early match at Coffs Harbour next weekend.

At Coffs the main match will Tamworth against Twin Towns, the latter team scratching out a draw against a much-improved Armidale with Peter MacDonald netting for the home side and Len Walker for Twin Towns.

Local TV station NRN 11 will televise the Coffs minor semi final in what should be a tremendous boost to the code in the Northern region.

The major semi-final will be played the following weekend as a night time fixture on Saturday, September 5, at Edgeworth Oval with premiers Stewarts and Lloyds matched against Weston Bears.

Full points table will be published next week.

With the State League play-offs upon us, here is the dates and procedures for the top-four matches:

August 30 — semi-final, 3 v 4.

September 6 — semi-final, 1 v 2.

September 13 — preliminary final, loser 1/2 v winner 3-4.

September 20 — Grand Final, winner 1/2 v winner of final.

In all matches, 15 minutes each way will be played as extra-time if the score is drawn after 90 minutes, followed by a replay if there is still no result. In the replay, extra-time and penalties will be used to decide the winners in the semi-finals and final, but the Grand Final will be replayed indefinitely until a result is achieved.

First grade kicks off at 3 pm, second grade at 1.10 pm and third grade at 11.30 am, all at the Sportsground.

The lower divisions in NSW also have their own top-four play-offs at suburban grounds, but there is no preliminary final before the Grand Final.

NSW STATE LEAGUE STARS IN PROFILE

WITH BRAD EARL

FOR THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS, ASW WILL LOOK AT VITAL PLAYERS IN THE NSW STATE LEAGUE FINALS

MIKE BERRY

MELITA EAGLES

Position: Midfield or full-back. I was right-back with Southampton, and then I switched between midfield and either right or left-back. I stayed a full-back at Marconi and at Melita under Atti Abonyi last year, but this year I've been in the midfield. I don't mind, as you're involved more in the game there.

Birthplace: Newbury, Berkshire, England.

Date of birth: February 14th, 1955.

Nationality: We've got permanent residency, but our Australian citizenship hasn't come through yet.

Occupation: I'm a sports medicine representative with a company called Beiersdorf Aust Ltd, which makes bandages, etc. It's very interesting because I get to go round and chat with clubs.

Married: Yes, to Jane.

Children: Two girls, Celeste (two and a half) and Derani (seven months).

Career background: I went to Southampton straight from school and I was there two years as an apprentice and four years as a professional, but I only played a handful of games and didn't really make the grade. I was approached by Mike Laing to come to Australia when the Philips League was forming, and I've never looked back since. I spent half a season with Wests, half a season with Avala, then two years with Marconi before moving to Melita at the beginning of 1980.

Honours: I represented my county in England, and I won championships with Marconi (1979) and Melita (1980).

Biggest thrill in the game: Winning a youth tournament against good teams from all over Europe with Southampton, and in Australia winning the two championships. I enjoyed the championship with Melita more because I played all through the year (except for the last game against Croatia). The championship with Marconi was great as well, but I only played in 18 of the 26 games.

Biggest disappointment: Not making the grade with Southampton. Over here I haven't really had too many, although losing the grand final last year would be my major disappointment in Australia.

Ambition: Just to carry on, be successful, and win more championships. I'd like to carry on with my job as well, and later I'd like to become a coach.

Opinion of the State League: It's a bit disjointed with the Philips League grabbing the majority of the publicity. It is very convenient and fortunate for me not having to travel inter-State for away games. I travel to the country in my job, so when you add travelling inter-State for Soccer, it's much more difficult for your family. I think this has a big bearing when comparing the State League with the Philips League, particularly as supporters can travel to away games easily.

I wish the Philips League all the success, as it's got to continue for the success of the game, but the State League is very necessary as well. I certainly enjoy it, and I think there'll be more players coming over from the Philips League and younger players going to PSL teams.

Best other State League team: Croatia — they've beaten us soundly three times this year, and they have the best squad.

Best State League players: There are some good players, and a number in our team. Terry Jones is a very underrated player, and on his day he is one of the best forwards. There are a few excellent goalkeepers in the State League, our Terry Greedy, Polonia's keeper Kalinowski, Steve Watson of Croatia and Mike Fraser of St George. There are also several good players in Croatia's side.

Will you stay in the game when you've finished playing, and in what capacity: Yes, I'd like to become a coach.

Prospects for play-offs: We hope to upset the big two in the finals, and to possibly knock them off. We thought we should have won against St George, but that game has given us a lot more confidence and it was a real shot in the arm.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

Illawarra

Phil Murphy

The Fairy Meadow coaching job is proving popular for next season.

There are reports that several inquiries have been made from coaches keen to handle the team.

Present coach Hugh Tinney is undecided about his future.

Secretary Walter Chichkan says the committee will have talks with Tinney when the team has played its last game.

With rumours that at least one State League club could drop out because of finanical problems, Fairy Meadow may yet make the State competition in 1982.

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Wollongong United coach Mike Johnson is maintaining strict discipline in his team even though have missed promotion.

He fined leading goalscorer Roberto Giraldi $50 when he accumulated 12 points and had to serve a one-game suspension.

The talented striker had earlier been slugged another $50 after being give one of the four yellow cards.

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What's happened to West-Figtree?

Thats the big question in first division after the team's end-of-season slump.

Playing against Port Kembla it seemed they had recovered the form that left them unbeaten most of the season.

They led 3-0 and looked to be coasting but lost a thriller 5-4.

It will be interesting to see if coach Luke Robaard can get the side going agian for the semi-finals.

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Referee Mario Mastrioanni had a hectic time recently. Controlling four games in five days.

He started of with a Tasman Cup semi-final on the Wednesday, and then controlled the Wollongong Wolves Australian Youth squad game a night later.

On Saturday he was in the middle for the Fernhill-Bulli game followed by Shellharbour-Corrimal on the Sunday.

Illawarra may not have professional players but they could have a professional referee.

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Aris have won the second division title and little wonder with the players they have.

There is certainly plenty of experience in the line-up.

Included are Eddie Mullan, Eugene McCunville, Dennis Martin, Jimmy Cannon and his brother Ewan.

Aris was originally formed within the Greek community and Bill Kotamanides is another experienced player who has done well this season.

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Southern NSW

Steve Burns

In one of its most dramatic moves for years, the ACT Soccer Federation has agreed to a major reconstruction program.

The restructuring creates two new youth leagues — and as a result could see at least one — possibly two teams — axed from football league Soccer.

From next season the ACTSF management committee has decided that everyone of the 14 Football League clubs will have to field teams in all three divisions which will be:

- the senior, first division side.
- an under-19 to under-23 year-old side.
- and a youth (15 to 18-year-old) team.

The reason for the move to those involved with the game over the years was obvious — to stop the loss of talented teenaged players.

The junior and youth league concepts offers obvious continuity and a most necessary stepping-stone concept.

But clubs like the Australian National University — and others, without youth and junior components, would be hard pushed to fulfil the new requirements.

All but two clubs have formally voted approving the proposal and the final approval should come at the ACTSF annual meeting later in the year.

NEW SOUTHERN LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia Deakin	18	16	2	0	77	13	34
Downer Olympic	16	13	2	1	71	11	28
West Woden Juventus	16	13	2	1	71	13	28
Belconnen United	16	11	1	4	45	16	23
Albury Hotspurs	16	8	3	5	36	23	19
Macedonia Queanbeyan	17	5	6	6	32	35	16
Kooringal Lions	17	7	0	10	32	37	14
Yoogali	17	5	3	9	38	37	13
Hanwood	17	4	4	9	28	41	12
Wagga United	18	2	2	14	16	63	6
Goulburn Workers	17	3	0	14	16	89	6
Cootamundra	17	0	3	14	16	100	3

ACTSF FOOTBALL LEAGUE — 1st GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luso SC	16	13	2	1	45	17	28
Kambah United	16	10	4	2	42	16	24
Narrabundah SC	16	9	4	3	38	23	22
Canberra United	16	8	4	4	37	24	20
Polonia White Eagles	16	7	5	4	36	27	19
West Woden Juventus	16	7	3	6	32	25	17
Belconnen United	16	6	2	8	30	39	14
Downer Olympic	16	5	3	8	21	31	13
Croatia Deakin	17	6	5	6	33	28	17
ANU	15	4	5	6	17	18	13
Canberra North	16	5	2	9	19	33	12
RMC	16	5	2	9	16	32	12
Weston Creek	16	3	5	8	28	33	11
Concordia Phillip	16	0	2	14	14	62	2

"STEP BY STEP" SAYS DOWNER

There have been no official approaches by Downer Olympic to Canberra Arrows or vice versa for a merger of interests, says Downer Olympic manager Frank Alexander.

"At present our aim is to improve our position in Soccer step by step.

"If the NSW State League was extending to Wollongong and Newcastle we would consider entering up a grade.

"We have made very valuable extensions to our club. A further $60,000 will go into a few more improvements, and that is after we have spent $100,000 on Soccer this year," he added.

With Brian Grosse as player-coach, the Downer club has had an excellent season to date.

They have some great young talent, The U18 teams took out the Federation U18 Cup, and the U16s have many representative players.

"If Canberra Arrows approach us we will consider the position, but at present the club's policy of a build up year-by-year is paying off handsomely," he said.

Maybe, because of earlier financial problems, the ball is in Canberra City's court.

— Keith Gilmour

Downer Olympic, winner of the 1981 ACT Federation Cup, when it defeated ANU 4-3 on penalties after remaining level even after extra-time. BACK ROW (L to R): J. Veloudos (manager), Eddie Allan, Joe Londos, Nick Pomakis, Steve Mullens (capt), Damion Moloney, Zoltan Kocmar, Bugsy Isfahan, Nick Avionitis (coach). FRONT ROW: Rod Lynes, Angelo Veloudos, Socrate Kochinos, Steve Holgate and Fathom Ileris.

Queensland

Wally Bruce

After two semi-finals which produced 210 minutes of football, there is still not one starter for the Queensland State League grand final on Sunday week.

The only known factor is the elimination of Townsville United, who went down 1-0 to Grange Thistle in the Knockout semi-final at Perry Park last Sunday.

In the major semi-final, Mt Gravatt and Eastern Suburbs were left deadlocked at nil-all at the end of 30 minutes extra time.

They are scheduled to replay tomorrow (Wed) night at Perry Park and the loser has to back up against Thistle in the preliminary final next Sunday.

Thistle were much more enterprising than Townsville and deserved their victory, mainly through the solid work of defenders Pat Leatham, Iain Fagan and Jim Cameron and midfielders Steve Dolan and John Paterson.

Thistle had three likely chances in the first half. Dolan headed just over from a Fagan cross after five minutes and the often uncertain Townsville keeper Eddie Escriva had to deal with shots from Kenny Gordon and Wilson Maelaua.

Paul Trovalusci worked hard on the wing for Townsville but the player who looked most likely to scofe in this session was player-coach Phil Figgins.

Figgins, rattled one shot a fraction over the bar and also went close with two searing headers.

But Thistle scored in first half injury time when a move started by Cameron ended with Dolan hammering in a great goal from outside the box.

It was only Dolan's first full game for several weeks after he spent most of the season battling injury problems.

Thistle should have wrapped up the match three times midway through the second half, with the normally reliable Gordon the offender on each occasion.

This enabled Townsville to mount a last ditch comeback, which just failed to produce a result.

Townsville's final pass regularly let them down but they still managed to create a few openings in the last few minutes.

Bobby McGuiness had a powerful shot saved by keeper John Ferguson and in the last seconds, Leatham blocked a Cliff Whitside shot.

The Mt. Gravatt — Eastern Suburbs major semi-final was a torrid match, with far too much emphasis on physical football, with a result that referee Dave Nugent issued seven yellow cards, four of them to Easts.

But when two teams with such respected coaches as Mt. Gravatt's Fred Robins and Easts Mal Bland resort to kicking, elbowing, late tackles and ankle tapping there is something wrong.

Both sides had their chances during the normal 90 minutes, although Mt. Gravatt were unlucky to see a Bevan Bohan shot smack the crossbar.

Bohan was to repeat the fear later in the second period of extra time.

In the first extra time session, Easts almost snatched a winner, but Mt. Gravatt keeper Mark Davis brilliantly saved a Mark Brusasco header.

Sth Australia

Tom McKain

Azzurri start off on another leg of their treble quest on Saturday when they travel up country to Whyalla Croatia for the quarter finals of the SA Federation Cup.

They will be hoping things won't be as hard as they were last Saturday in the semi-finals of the Coca-Cola top four Cup when it took them extra time to beat Beograd 2-1 and enter the final against Adelaide Croatia who had beaten Polonia 3-0 in the first semi-final.

The top four final will be played tomorrow week (Wednesday Sept. 2) under the Hindmarsh Stadium lights.

In the other Federation Cup quarter finals on Saturday, Polonia is at home to Port Adelaide. Beograd entertain Para Hills, and Noarlunga at home to Mordbury, the only second division team to challenge "the giants".

Azzurri, league champions, will be favoured to beat Croatia in the Top Four final but the country Croatia could stop their bid for the trable.

The Whyalla club are regulars in the Cup quarters or semis as teams which draw them in the country always have a hard time.

While the travelling is a handicap, there is huge home town support which can be unnerving in a sudden death cup-tie.

Polonia have the edge on paper over Port, but they will have to lift on the performance they put up against Adelaide Croatia last week in the Top Four Cup.

All the goals came in the second half when Croatia's attack and midfield tore the opposition defence to shreds.

Noarlunga, promoted from second division and late survivors with Cumberland being relegated should make a splash in the Cup.

Mordbury are expected to put up a gallant fight but Noarlunga are odds-on to go into the semi-finals.

Beograd showed tremendous fighting spirit in the top four match with Azzurri.

They took the league champions into extra time and need only show the same determination in the Federation Cup at home to Para Hills to get into the semis.

Para have yet to show the form on the field which looks so impressive on paper when you go through their line-up.

For the record buffs, the first division league's top scorer Wally Bojozuk put Azzurri one up last week in the top four run in the fifth minute then Djuro Arazine equalised for Beograd in the 50th minute.

The extra time looked as if it would go into penalties for a decision, but Bojozuk, who had earlier seen a penalty saved by George Flecknor, crashed the ball in again in the 118th minute and it was all over.

In the other game, Polonia and Croatia played a demure first half with both sets of forwards missing chances.

Then, in the 60th minute, Steve Caggiano collected a poor clearance to slot home the first goal.

Boris Palaka was next in the 72nd minute as Croatia glided through the Polonia midfield and defence exposing huge gaps.

The clincher came in the 82nd minute when K Caggiano struck again after a solo break when he was left unmarked.

• Wally Bojczuk, the SA First Division's top scorer, has been voted the league's top player by the SA Division of the Australian Soccer Press Association.

The rugged striker for league champions Azzurri collected 28 points to beat Campbelltown defender Colin Richardson by a point.

Bojczuk will receive his trophy at a special function organised by the Press body on September 18 when a similar award will go to the player voted the best in the PSL.

Here is the list of other vote-getters:—

25 — Harwood (Beograd).

22 — Stanczak (Polonia).

21 — Caggiano (Croatia).

20 — Booth (Port), Parks (Cumberland), Webb (Noarlunga), Francis (Azzurri).

19 — Kolecki (Polonia, Toland (Port).

18 — Koza (Polonia) Miles (Port) Santrac (Beograd).

17 — Mitchell (Para Hills) Blair (Azzurri).

16 — Boyle (Beograd) Donnelly (Croatia).

• Second Division teams Birkalla, challenging for promotion, and Adelaide City (the reserve side of the PSL club) got the run around recently.

Ordered to play their postponed game as a curtain-raiser to the Adelaide City — South Melbourne PSL game, the referee called it off to save the ground.

Both teams were then told to travel across town and play the match at Birkalla's Camden Oval.

This gave Birkalla an advantage, but as it turned out they lost.

This was a blow, as they had beaten their nearest challengers, West Adelaide, the day before.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

Victoria

Greg Blake

Sunday August 22nd 1981 will always be remembered at Green Gully as the day that all the ambitions and aspirations of a once anonymous little Metro League club just about came true.

On Sunday at Olympic Park Green Gully Ajax defeated Essendon Croatia in the Victorian State League match of the year and the glorious 2-0 scoreline virtually assures them of their first league championship of Victoria.

With only two rounds remaining, they hold a four-point break on Croatia and have a vastly superior goal difference.

To win the league Croatia would need to win their last two games by at least a total of six goals and Ajax would have to lose their last two matches by the same margin.

Altona City lost 2-4 at home to Ringwood City and in so doing have lost any slight numerical chance they had of surviving.

Ian Greener scored a second half hat-trick for Ringwood.

Juventus, although still in 11th place, haven't conceded their place in the State League and they proved it by providing the shock result of the day from Centenary Park where they beat Frankston City 3-2 amidst all sorts of trouble.

Croydon's little Welsh wizard, Ian Loughnane, continued his remarkable first season in Melbourne with another four goals as Croydon smashed Hakoah 7-1.

Loughnane, brother of Peter, who also made the scoresheet, has now 20 for the season and looks sure to finish as the season's top marksman.

The total is already three higher than the 17 scored by 1980 Rothmans Medallist, Bobby McGuinness, for Juventus last year.

Hakoah have now won only one of their last 13 games and drop to seventh.

George Cross remained in fourth place following a 1-0 win against Chaplin Reserve co-tenants Sunshine City.

Doveton stayed on their hammer by beating Northcote City at John Cain Reserve by two goals to one.

Both Doveton, who play Frankston next week, and Georgie, who meet Northcote, should record victories thus making their last round clash a virtual fourth place decider.

However the spotlight was well and truly on the new champions Green Gully following their magnificent championship-clinching 20 round victory.

For Croatia, Sunday's game was crucial. Alan Kerr returned to the side, as did ace striker Carl Gilder who appeared on the field to replace the injured Ante Bilaver after 15 minutes.

But it proved a forlorn gesture as Ajax scored what was described as a "comfortable" win.

In the first half Williams hit the post and Blasby made a fine save from MacLeod before Ajax scored to go in ahead at the interval.

A John Gardiner free-kick found its way through the fingers of Blasby and Croatia's "Butch" Kokoska could only help it into his own net.

MacLeod scored twice after the interval — one being disallowed — to make the final scoreline 2-0 with Croatia's best chance of the match coming from Kenny Murphy.

But Murphy found Ajax keeper Lou Denys, like all of his team mates, in top form and Denys tipped the shot around the post.

The celebrations were loud and long at the Green Gully Social Club on Sunday night as their Maltese followers celebrated their first championship and the first for a Maltese club since George Cross in 1977.

Luyten scored one at each end at Altona where his team Ringwood, spurred on by great games from Ian Greener, Brian Thom and Terry Callaghan, won easily 4-2.

More good news from Ringwood was of two signings who will begin pre-season training for 1982 at the club.

They are 26-year-old left winger Michael Stewart from Coleraine and a striker, Jan Vanoers, who spent a number of years on the books of Ajax of Amsterdam.

There was fun and games at Centenary Park where the home side, Frankston, found relegation-haunted Juventus a mite determined and went down 2-3.

In this match Frankston goalie Dave Gilbert was sent from the field, Frankston coach John Pryde was also ordered away by referee Nick Karlich and the ref allegedly left the field, ordered the teams in, showered and all but left but then restarted the match some minutes later.

Early reports on the incidents were conflicting but there could be repercussions if this is correct.

Charlie Egan scored twice for Frankston but missed his hat-trick and a chance to save a point for his side when he missed a late penalty.

Hokoah tried to play football on the heavy Croydon ground and paid for their mistake by finishing up on the receiving end of the highest State League score of the season.

The home side won 7-1.

TABLE:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Green Gully Ajax	20	15	2	3	42	10	32
Essendon Croatia	20	11	6	3	38	17	28
Croydon City	20	9	7	4	40	21	25
George Cross	20	11	2	7	28	18	24
Doveton	20	6	11	3	24	22	23
Northcote City	20	7	4	9	32	44	18
Hakoah St Kilda	20	5	8	7	24	38	18
Frankston City	20	7	3	10	30	32	17
Sunshine City	20	7	3	10	29	32	17
Ringwood City	20	6	4	10	29	42	16
Juventus	20	5	4	11	18	35	14
Altona City	20	2	4	14	20	42	8

RESULTS:

Essendon — Croatia 0; Green Gully — Ajax 2 (Kokoska og, MacLeod) HT 0-1.

Altona City 2 (Jones, Luyten 06) — Ringwood City 4 (Greener 3, Luyten) HT 0-1.

Sunshine City 0 — George Cross 1 (Toal Pen) HT 0-1.

Croydon City 7 (I. Loughnane 4, P. Loughnane, Howarth, Denridder) — Hakoah St Kilda 1 (Kent) HT 3-0.

Frankston City 2 (Egan 2) — Juventus 3 (Incantalupo, Heery, Cavalleri Pen) HT 2-2.

Northcote City 1 (Fakos) — Doveton 2 (Quinn, Thurlow).

TOP SCORERS:

20 — I. Loughnane (Croy); 17 — MacLeod (GG), Egan (Frank); 12 — Sahinidis (North); 11 — Toal (GC); 10 — Mitten (Ess); 9 — Pate (Sunshine, French (Hak), Greechan (GG), Inness (Alt); 7 — Sinclair (Ring); 6 — Cherrie (Dove), O'Reilly (Ring), Vasic (North), Adams (Ess), Brogan (Ess) 2 for Croydon City, Greener (Ring).

BOB TOAL

RISE OF THE PINES

By Greg Blake

The Victorian Metropolitan League season has ended for all four divisions, with the exception of a couple of postponed fixtures.

The success story from amongst the many potential State League big-guns of the future was surely that of Frankston Pines who emulated Mooroolbark's mid-1970s record performance by climbing from the fourth to the first division in successive seasons.

No doubt the greatest tragedy to befall a once famous State League giant was Prahran Slavia's inglorious slide into second division after a tremendous fight.

Slavia lost their State League status only the season previously.

Hard luck stories, there were many.

South Melbourne's reserves in Second Division were pushing for promotion after 14 rounds.

They lost their last eight in succession to finish bottom while the reserve team of deadly rivals Heidelberg, last for the first 18 weeks of the year, escaped the drop by two points.

For real tough luck however, Mooroolbark must take the points in 1981. rather than being in the Metro League, the Barkers were fighting for promotion into the fourth division from Division One of the Provisional League.

They were second or first for almost the entire year and were only two points behind South Oakleigh, who finished behind champions Thomastown, after the final round.

They did, however, have a match in hand against Hotham United who were recently expelled from the league.

Their goal difference of 45-15 matched that of Thomastown who had recorded 48-18.

This meant to win second place the Barkers needed only to beat Hotham by a goal to get back into the Metro League.

South Oakleigh had had the opportunity to beat struggling Hotham 3-0 prior to the latter's expulsion but Mooroolbark were not accorded that chance.

As is the VSF policy the Barkers were awarded the two points for a win bringing them equal with South Oakleigh, but a scoreline of 0-0 was recorded and Mooroolbark missed out because they had not scored as many goals as their rivals.

Fourth Division basement side Chelsea rivalled their London Second Division namesakes for having a bad spell when it took them 20 matches to win their first and only game of the season.

Naturally they finished a dismal last and conceded, in the process, the highest total of goals in all four divisions-66.

The prolific goalscoring side also came from the fourth division. Nunawading City rifled home 60 throughout the course of 1981 but strangely missed promotion by a point.

Bell Park, considered by many as one of the best equipped and go ahead clubs in the State, pleased almost everybody by winning promotion from third division, It seems the old adage of clubs being only as strong as their reserves held true in third division because as well as Bell Park and Ringwood United finishing as the promoted first team clubs, both teams reserves finished one and two in their competition.

They went one better in division two with Fawkner, Frankston Pines and Doncaster Rovers filling the top three places in both seniors and reserves.

Western Suburbs, coached by ex-Socceroo Billy Vojtek, were the best team in the first division not to go up.

This season they were attempting to climb back after relegation last year but conceded second place very late in the year to Frank Munro's experienced looking Albion Rovers side.

After 22 games four points separated the pair.

HERE'S HOW THEY FINISHED IN 1981:

Metropolitan Division One:
Promoted — Polonia Maribyrnong and Albion Rovers.
Relegated — Prahran Slavia and Moreland.
Division Two:
Promoted — Fawkner and Frankston Pines.
Relegated — South Melbourne and Waverley.
Division Three:
Promoted — Bell Park and Ringwood United.
Relegated — Yallourn and Eltham.
Division Four:
Promoted — Mornington and Sunbury.
Relegated — Ferntree Gully and Chelsea.
From Provisional One into Metro Four come Thomastown and South Oakleigh.

ROUND 21 PREVIEW

It is Waterloo time for Doveton.

If they cannot beat Frankston City at Waratah Reserve this Sunday, and there is a good chance they won't, they can forget all about playing off in this season's State League Cup Finals.

And that seems a rather sad ending to the season for the gutsy, under-manned Doves who seemed, for so long, a sure bet to be there or thereabouts at the end.

In their inaugral State League season they have done remarkably well despite the handicap of a squad that merited little more than promise.

Danny McMinamee coached the side for a magnificent 15 undefeated match streak but predictably the bubble burst.

A string of drawn games was their down-fall.

Now Frankston, hitting its straps at the wrong end of the season, are ready to end the Doves chances of glory once and for all.

Doveton's strongpoint in defence has become a bit of a weak-link in some matches recently although, to be fair, it was impossible for them to carry the side for the entire season.

This week they face the Graham Tutill, Charlie Egan, Billy Buchanon trio which is quickly gaining a reputation to match some of the best strike forces in the league.

It really is only a pity that Frankston are coming good at this time of the year, when the horse has bolted, so to speak.

The consolation for them is that relegation is no longer the problem it was for them for the first 15 weeks of the season.

I think George Cross will beat Northcote and if the Baysiders can record their second away win in succession the Doves can just about say goodbye to glory this season.

Georgie will prove my pre-season tip right by cementing themselves into fourth place even before next week's last round match with Doveton by beating Northcote City at Chaplin Reserve this week.

But it will not be easy.

Georgie have done too much and come too far to throw away their big chance for glory, for them to even make the four would be quite some feat and they will get home.

Georgie have had some troubles in the goalgetting department in recent weeks but thankfully for them Northcote seem to just love conceding them.

Dave Rigby is back and the possible return of Ged Bannon just about means curtains for Northcote this week.

Green Gully, at home, face another vital game against the enigmatic Croydon City side.

I can't tell what to expect from Croydon this season.

When they looked to be doing well it took them no time to drop some crazy points against the most unlikely clubs.

But Green Gully have the championship in sight and Croydon have little chance of dropping from the top four so it looks like a home win here.

Croydon run too hot and cold for my liking and Ajax are gobbling up anyone who isn't ready to graft and fight for the full 90 minutes.

Croatia are still there and they should record a good win a gainst Juventus this week.

In other games Sunshine should beat Ringwood City at Jubillee Park and Hakoah should record a rare victory when they meet the already relegated Altona City at Middle Park.

GET YOUR POOLS IN...

With DEBORAH

BUDGET BLUES DISAPPEAR

The three winners of this week's Pools scoop prize had other things on their minds than the Federal Budget.

The winning entries, from Grafton, Sydney and Sunnybank Hills, a southern Brisbane Suburb, have shared $180,307.

Ilma Morris, 46-year-old mother of four daughters who has been entering Pools for a number of years, when told she had won $60,102 said: "Gee that's great, I have been waiting for someone to call me all day."

Ilma was getting ready to leave for Melbourne with her 16-year-old daughter Karen to see 19-year-old Vicki's passing out parade at HMAS Cerberus.

Mike Carilleri, 19, from Blacktown has also won $60,102.

Mike, who lives with his mother and father, has no job, no car and no girlfriend.

"This is great news to win so much money but all I want is to get a job," Mike said.

Mike, who was a factory worker, will be out looking for a job this morning but if unsuccessful will then think about a holiday at Surfers Paradise.

He had not checked his coupon when told that he had won a share of the scoop prize and, whilst celebrating his win, said: "Brother, I don't have to worry about the Budget now."

Twin brothers David and Ian Turnell with David's wife Julie also have won $60,102.

Ian arrived late last week from New Zealand so the three of them entered the Pools and called their entry "We Three"

SCORE-DRAW RECORDS

Here are the teams with the highest and lowest score-draw records for English and Scottish divisions in 1980-81:

ENGLISH DIVISION 1:
Highest: Stoke (15), Man. City (14), Arsenal (14).
Lowest: Leeds (4) Middlesbrough (5).

ENGLISH DIVISION 2:
Highest: Shrewbury (13), Derby C. (12), Notts C. (12).
Lowest: Cambridge U. (3), Newcastle (4).

ENGLISH DIVISION 3:
Highest: Barnsley (15), Walsall (13), Exeter (13).
Lowest: Portsmouth (3), Burnley (5), Reading (5), Charlton (5).

ENGLISH DIVISION 4:
Highest: Peterboro (18), Scunthorpe (18), Bradford (14).
Lowest: Southend (2), Aldershot (3), Torquay (5), Hereford (5).

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION:
Highest: Kilmarnock (10), Rangers (9), Aberdeen (8), Partick (8), Dundee Utd (7).
Lowest: Hearts (4), Airdrie (5), Celtic (5), Morton (5).

SCOTTISH DIVISION 1:
Highest: East Stirling (13), Berwick (9), Clydebank (9), Hibernian (9), Motherwell (9), St Johnstone (9).
Lowest: Falkirk (2), Stirling Alb. (4).

SCOTTISH DIVISION 2:
Highest: Queens Park (18), Stenhousemuir (12), Q/South (12).
Lowest: Forfar (4), Meadowbank (6), Montrose (6), Stranraer (8).

THE PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ

How would you like to win a great Presto prize ?

Just answer the simple questions in A.S.W.'s PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ and send them on a sheet of paper to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, PRESTO QUIZ, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007. Please state your preference — either a leg of Presto ham or five kilos of Presto smallgoods.

All entries have to be in this office by Monday. The first correct entry opened will be the winner.

Here are the answers to last week's Presto Quiz:-

1. Slickers. 2. Yes. 3. Brian Clough. 4. Yes. 5. Heidelberg. 6. Yes.

The winner was:-

A. Arceri of 9 Breydon Crt. St Albans, Melbourne, Vic.3021. He chose the leg of ham.

Now try this week's Presto Quiz:-

1. Who is manager of Ipswich Town ?
2. Who coached Argentina to success in the 1978 World Cup ?
3. For which PSL club does Gary Cole play ?
4. What was the score in the New Zealand v Fiji match in Auckland ?
5. Which New Zealand forward was signed by Sth. Melbourne ?
6. Which London club signed Ray Clemence from Liverpool ?

The name and address of the winner of this Quiz will be published in next week's AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.

PRESTO
MEAT & SMALLGOODS

DIV 1	P.	HOME W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	AWAY W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.
Aston Villa	42	16	3	2	40	13	10	5	6	32	27	60
Ipswich	42	15	4	2	45	14	8	6	7	32	29	56
Arsenal	42	13	8	0	36	17	6	7	8	25	28	53
West Brom.	42	15	4	2	40	15	5	8	8	20	27	52
Liverpool	42	13	5	3	38	15	4	12	5	24	27	51
South'pton	42	15	4	2	47	22	5	6	10	29	34	50
Nott'm F.	42	15	3	3	44	20	4	9	8	18	24	50
Man. Utd.	42	9	11	1	30	14	6	7	8	21	22	48
Leeds Utd.	42	10	5	6	19	19	7	5	9	20	28	44
Tottenham	42	9	9	3	44	31	5	6	10	26	37	43
Stoke	42	8	9	4	31	23	4	9	8	20	37	42
Man. City	42	10	7	4	35	25	4	4	13	21	34	39
Birmingham	42	11	5	5	32	23	2	7	12	18	38	38
Middlesbro	42	14	4	3	38	16	2	1	18	15	45	37
Everton	42	8	6	7	32	25	5	4	12	23	33	36
Coventry	42	9	6	6	31	30	4	4	13	17	38	36
Sunderland	42	10	4	7	32	19	4	3	14	20	34	35
Wolves	42	11	2	8	26	20	2	7	12	17	35	35
Brighton	42	10	3	8	30	26	4	4	13	24	41	35
Norwich	42	9	7	5	34	25	4	0	17	15	48	33
Leicester	42	7	5	9	20	23	6	1	14	20	44	32
Crystal P.	42	6	4	11	32	37	0	3	18	15	46	19

DIV 2	P.	HOME W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	AWAY W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.
West Ham	42	19	1	1	53	12	9	9	3	26	17	66
Notts C.	42	10	8	3	26	15	8	9	4	23	23	53
Swansea	42	12	5	4	39	19	6	9	6	25	25	50
Blackburn	42	12	8	1	28	7	4	10	7	14	22	50
Luton	42	10	6	5	35	23	8	6	7	26	23	48
Derby	42	9	8	4	34	26	6	7	8	23	26	45
Grimsby	42	10	8	3	21	10	5	7	9	23	32	45
Q.P.R.	42	11	7	3	36	12	4	6	11	20	34	43
Watford	42	13	5	3	34	18	3	6	12	16	27	43
Sheff. Wed.	42	14	4	3	38	14	3	4	14	15	37	42
Newcastle	42	11	7	3	22	13	3	7	11	8	32	42
Chelsea	42	8	6	7	27	15	6	6	9	19	26	40
Camb'ge	42	13	1	7	36	23	4	5	12	17	42	40
Shrewsbury	42	9	7	5	33	22	2	10	9	13	25	39
Oldham	42	7	9	5	19	16	5	6	10	20	32	39
Wrexham	42	5	8	8	22	24	7	6	8	21	21	38
Orient	42	9	8	4	34	20	4	4	13	18	36	38
Bolton	42	10	5	6	40	27	4	5	12	21	39	38
Cardiff	42	7	7	7	23	24	5	5	11	21	36	36
Preston	42	8	7	6	28	26	3	7	11	13	36	36
Bristol C.	42	6	10	5	19	15	1	6	14	10	36	30
Bristol R.	42	4	9	8	21	24	1	4	16	13	41	23

DIV 3	P.	HOME W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	AWAY W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.
Rotherham	46	17	6	0	43	8	7	7	9	19	24	61
Barnsley	46	15	5	3	46	19	6	12	5	26	26	59
Charlton	46	14	6	3	36	17	11	3	9	27	27	59
Hudd'field	46	14	6	3	40	11	7	8	8	31	29	56
Chest'field	46	17	4	2	42	16	6	6	11	30	32	56
Portsmouth	46	14	5	4	35	19	8	4	11	20	28	53
Plymouth	46	14	5	4	35	18	5	9	9	21	26	52
Burnley	46	13	5	5	37	21	5	9	9	23	27	50
Brentford	46	7	9	7	30	25	7	10	6	22	24	47
Reading	46	13	5	5	39	22	5	5	13	23	40	46
Exeter	46	9	9	5	36	30	7	4	12	26	36	45
Newport	46	11	6	6	38	22	4	7	12	26	39	43
Fulham	46	8	7	8	28	29	7	6	10	29	35	43
Oxford Utd.	46	7	8	8	20	24	6	9	8	19	23	43
Gillingham	46	9	8	6	23	19	3	10	10	25	39	42
Millwall	46	10	9	4	30	21	4	5	14	13	39	42
Swindon	46	10	6	7	35	27	3	9	11	16	29	41
Chester	46	11	5	7	25	17	4	6	13	13	31	41
Carlisle	46	8	9	6	32	29	6	4	13	24	41	41
Walsall	46	8	9	6	43	43	5	6	12	16	31	41
Sheff. Utd.	46	12	6	5	38	20	2	6	15	27	43	40
Colchester	46	12	7	4	35	22	2	4	17	10	43	39
Blackpool	46	5	9	9	19	28	4	5	14	26	47	32
Hull	46	7	8	8	23	22	1	8	14	17	49	32

DIV 4	P.	HOME W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	AWAY W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.
Southend	46	19	4	0	47	6	11	3	9	32	25	67
Lincoln	46	15	7	1	44	11	10	8	5	22	14	65
Doncaster	46	15	4	4	36	20	7	8	8	23	29	56
Wimbledon	46	15	4	4	42	17	8	5	10	22	29	55
Peterboro	46	11	8	4	37	21	6	10	7	31	33	52
Aldershot	46	12	9	2	28	11	6	5	12	15	30	50
Mansfield	46	13	5	5	36	15	7	4	12	22	29	49
Darlington	46	13	6	4	43	23	6	5	12	22	36	49
Hartlepool	46	14	3	6	42	22	6	6	11	22	39	49
North'pton	46	11	7	5	42	26	7	6	10	23	41	49
Wigan A.	46	13	4	6	29	16	5	7	11	22	39	47
Bury	46	10	8	5	38	21	7	3	13	32	41	45
Bourn'm'th	46	9	8	6	30	21	7	5	11	17	27	45
Bradford C.	46	9	9	5	30	24	5	7	11	23	36	44
Rochdale	46	11	6	6	33	25	3	9	11	27	45	43
Scunthorpe	46	8	12	3	40	31	3	8	12	20	38	42
Torquay	46	13	2	8	38	26	5	3	15	17	37	41
Crewe	46	10	7	6	28	20	3	7	13	20	41	40
Port Vale	46	10	8	5	40	23	2	7	14	17	47	39
Stockport	46	10	5	8	29	25	6	2	15	15	32	39
Tranmere	46	12	5	6	41	24	1	5	17	18	49	36
Hereford	46	8	8	7	29	20	3	5	15	9	42	35
Halifax	46	9	3	11	28	32	2	9	12	16	39	34
York	46	10	2	11	31	23	2	7	14	16	43	33

PREMIER DIVISION	P.	HOME W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	AWAY W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.
Celtic	36	12	3	3	47	18	14	1	3	37	19	56
Aberdeen	36	11	4	3	39	16	8	7	3	22	10	49
Rangers	36	12	3	3	33	10	4	9	5	27	22	44
St. Mirren	36	9	6	3	28	20	9	2	7	28	27	44
Dundee U.	36	8	5	5	34	24	9	4	5	32	18	43
Partick	36	6	6	6	17	17	4	4	10	15	31	30
Airdrie	36	6	5	7	19	25	4	4	10	17	30	29
Morton	36	7	2	9	24	28	3	6	9	12	30	28
Kilmarnock	36	3	5	10	14	31	2	4	12	9	34	19
Hearts	36	3	4	11	10	27	3	2	13	17	44	18

DIV 1	P.	HOME W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	AWAY W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.
Hibernian	39	14	4	2	38	9	10	5	4	29	15	57
Dundee	39	14	4	2	42	18	8	4	7	22	22	52
S. Johnst'ne	39	12	3	5	31	21	8	8	3	33	24	51
Raith	39	11	7	1	26	11	9	3	8	23	21	50
Motherwell	39	14	5	1	41	20	5	6	8	24	31	49
Ayr	39	11	5	3	34	17	6	6	8	25	25	45
Hamilton	39	9	5	6	39	27	6	2	11	22	30	37
Dumbarton	39	8	5	6	23	22	5	6	9	26	28	37
Falkirk	39	7	4	8	24	29	6	4	10	15	23	34
Clydebank	39	8	6	5	31	25	2	7	11	17	34	33
E. Stirling	39	4	10	6	20	24	2	7	10	21	32	29
Dunf'mline	39	6	3	11	17	28	4	4	11	24	30	27
Stirling A.	39	4	6	9	13	21	2	5	13	5	27	23
Berwick	39	5	6	8	18	27	0	6	14	13	55	22

DIV 2	P.	HOME W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	AWAY W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.
Queens P.	39	9	9	2	30	19	7	9	3	32	24	50
Q. of South	39	7	8	4	31	29	9	6	5	35	24	46
Cowdenb'th	39	12	3	4	35	20	6	6	8	28	28	45
Brechin	39	10	7	3	29	18	5	7	7	23	28	44
Forfar	39	9	3	7	34	32	8	6	6	29	25	43
Alloa	39	10	4	6	29	25	5	8	6	32	29	42
Montrose	39	9	4	6	31	24	7	4	9	35	31	40
Clyde	39	10	6	4	45	31	4	6	9	23	32	40
Arbroath	39	3	9	8	20	29	10	3	6	38	25	38
Stenh'muir	39	4	7	8	27	32	9	4	7	36	26	37
East Fife	39	6	9	4	21	21	4	6	10	23	32	35
Albion R.	39	9	3	8	37	41	4	6	9	22	31	35
Meadowb'k	39	6	2	11	17	35	5	5	10	25	29	29
Stranraer	39	4	5	11	20	41	3	3	13	16	42	22

PLAYING WITH SKILL

The 94th season of the English Football League will begin on Saturday, August 29.

For those who play the Pools by studying form, last season's tables will be a good guideline to predicting those scoredraws!

WEEK 5
29th AUGUST, 1981

DIVISION 1	ARSENAL	STOKE	1	1
	ASTON VILLA	NOTTS C.	2	1
	COVENTRY	MAN. UTD.	3	1
	EVERTON	BIRMINGHAM	4	1
	IPSWICH	SUNDERLAND	5	1
	MAN. CITY	WEST BROM.	6	X *
	MIDDLESBRO'	TOTTENHAM	7	2
	NOTT'M FOR.	SOUTH'PTON	8	1
	SWANSEA	LEEDS	9	X *
	WEST HAM	BRIGHTON	10	1
	WOLVES	LIVERPOOL	11	2
DIVISION 2	BARNSLEY	SHREWSBURY	12	1
	BLACKBURN	SHEFF. WED.	13	X *
	CHELSEA	BOLTON	14	1
	CRYSTAL P.	CAMB'GE U.	15	1
	DERBY	ORIENT	16	1
	GRIMSBY	LEICESTER	17	2
	LUTON	CHARLTON	18	X *
	NEWCASTLE	WATFORD	19	1
	OLDHAM	CARDIFF	20	1
	ROTHERHAM	NORWICH	21	1
	WREXHAM	Q.P.R.	22	X
DIVISION 3	BRISTOL R.	CHESTER	23	1
	CARLISLE	BRISTOL C.	24	2
	DONCASTER	READING	25	X
	FULHAM	BRENTFORD	26	1
	GILLINGHAM	BURNLEY	27	X *
	HUDDERSF'LD	EXETER	28	1
	MILLWALL	PRESTON	29	1
	NEWPORT	CHESTERF'LD	30	1
	PLYMOUTH	OXFORD UTD.	31	1
	PORTSMOUTH	LINCOLN	32	1
	SWINDON	WIMBLEDON	33	1
	WALSALL	SOUTHEND	34	1
DIVISION 4	ALDERSHOT	DARLINGTON	35	1
	BLACKPOOL	STOCKPORT	36	X
	BOURNEM'TH	CREWE	37	1
	BURY	ROCHDALE	38	X *
	HARTLEPOOL	COLCHESTER	39	1
	NORTH'PTON	SCUNTHORPE	40	1
	PETERBORO'	MANSFIELD	41	1
	PORT VALE	HALIFAX	42	1
	SHEFF. UTD.	HEREFORD	43	1
SCOTTISH PREMIER	CELTIC	AIRDRIE	44	1
	DUNDEE UTD.	ABERDEEN	45	2
	HIBERNIAN	DUNDEE	46	X
	PARTICK	RANGERS	47	2
	ST. MIRREN	MORTON	48	1
DIVISION 1	DUMBARTON	E. STIRLING	49	1
	DUNF'MLINE	HEARTS	50	X *
	FALKIRK	AYR UTD.	51	2
	HAMILTON	RAITH	52	X
	KILMARNOCK	MOTHERWELL	53	X *
	QUEENS PK.	CLYDEBANK	54	1
	ST. JOHNS'NE	Q. OF SOUTH	55	1

Australian Soccer Weekly selection for Saturday's games.

(1 is a home win, 2 an away win and X a drawn game. Matches marked with asterisks are our tips for score-draws).

the Pools Results

SCORE DRAWS
3 pts 1, 2, 7, 15, 16, 24, 26, 33, 35, 36, 41, 49.

SCORELESS DRAWS
2 pts 3, 27, 30, 54.

	1 3	2 3	3 2	4 1	5 1/2	6 1/2	7 3
8 1	9 1/2	10 1	11 1	12 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	15 3
16 3	17 1/2	18 1/2	19 1	20 1/2	21 1/2	22 1/2	23 1
24 3	25 1	26 3	27 2	28 1	29 1/2	30 2	31 1/2
32 1/2	33 3	34 1/2	35 3	36 3	37 1	38 1/2	39 1
40 1/2	41 3	42 1	43 1	44 1	45 1/2	46 1/2	47 1/2
48 1/2	49 3	50 1	51 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2	54 2	55 1/2

AUSTRALIAN CHIT-CHAT

It has been said in Sydney, and elsewhere, that Sydney City are willing to fork out $50,000 for Adelaide City's giant teenage Socceroo striker David Mitchell for next season.

But they can forget it.

All being well, the big forward will be in Scotland playing for Rangers.

He confirmed he had a verbal promise of a trial, but won't talk details until he sees it in writing.

His best Socceroo mate, Steve Blair, has already been promised a trial with Celtic!

The youngsters had quite a duel when they clashed the other week in the Giants-Gunners game.

No holds were barred, but both emerged unscathed, although at one point Blair needed attention for a face injury.

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DAVID MITCHELL

He has the name of a famous tennis player, but Ashley Cooper is a goalkeeper.

Cooper is in the Wollongong Wolves' youth squad and shows a lot of potential.

He was given a spell in the top team recently in the game against the Australian Youth squad at Woonona Oval.

The youngster kept a clean sheet and Wollongong won 2-0 with goals from Peter Tredinnick and Chris Dunleavy.

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Peter Ollerton, Preston Rams coach, has always been a somewhat outspoken character.

Since taking over the Rams a couple of months back Ollerton has taken a pretty low-key profile.

But did Ollie make a mistake before his side's big meeting with South Melbourne two weeks ago?

Preston had every chance to cause an upset after showing some quite magnificent form over their previous half dozen games.

But Ollerton, only a couple of days prior to the big match, came out in the Press reportedly as saying one or two uncomplimentary things about the Gunners' defence.

Apparently he even went as far as to say that most of the Gunners defenders would not get a place at Preston in the first team.

What effect that was meant to have we'll never know but there seemed to be an unmistakably determined glint in the eyes of Alan Davidson, Steve Blair and co as the Gunners ran out 2-0 winners.

West Adelaide Hawks may be down and almost out, but some of their fans are sticking with them.

Organisers of a trip to Canberra for the Cup final against Brisbane Lions report a healthy response.

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Nothing official, but word is that Adelaide City's veteran sweeper and longest-serving player, Johnny Perin, will retire at the end of the season.

We understand officials are planning a special benefit game for the 34-year-old who made his name as a ball-playing midfielder, with skills so varied the belied the fact that he learnt all his Soccer in Australia.

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The head-on confrontation between the Queensland Soccer Federation and Brisbane Gladiators, mentioned a few weeks ago in ASW, has been defused.

The Federation is extremely grateful to City for agreeing to switch their home game against Adelaide City, on September 6, back to the day before.

The Sunday date is when the Federation will stage its State League Grand Final, which would have had no chance of success in opposition to a PSL match.

Both parties will join to promote both matches as a "major weekend" of Soccer for Queensland.

Could the same thing have happened in other states?

Wollongong Wolves defender Bill de Graaf played his last game of the season for the club on Sunday.

De Graaf has been selected in the New Zealand B team to contest the Merderka tournament.

It will be the second time he has played in the tournament.

He will be away for three weeks and isn't expected to go back to Asia when the Wolves travel to Bangkok to play in the King's Cup.

The Wollongong players are doing their own fund-raising for the trip and the target is $12,000.

They picked up $1,000 of this at a cabaret night at Wollongong League Club recently.

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Queensland continues to grow more enthusiastic about its grouping for the World Youth Championships in October. When the draw was made in Canberra, it first seemed Brisbane would get the group containing Italy and Brazil, which is now in Melbourne.

At a function in Brisbane last week, one of several conducted by Coca-Cola throughout the country, the message was very clear that the Uruguay — Poland — USA — Qatar group will be easy to sell.

Urugay are being tipped by many as likely Coca-Cola Cup winners, Poland already have a great record in the competition, the Yanks look a very promotable commodity, while there is a real air of mystery about Qatar.

The Queensland Soccer Federation lately cannot win when it makes a venue decision, one of the "drawbacks" of having a truly representative State League competition.

When Across The Waves were granted the Ampol Cup Final in Bundaberg, it meant they played every match at home (shades of Brisbane City in the Philips Cup), so naturally Grange Thistle hit the roof.

So when Townsville United were drawn against Thistle in last weekend's State League knockout semi-final, the Federation scheduled the match for Perry Park, and at least appeased the Thistle camp.

But what happened then? You guessed it. Townsville United's board of directors sent a telegram to the QSF, and the Press, accusing the officials of "insulting Soccer in North Queensland."

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South Melbourne centre-forward Alun Evans is aiming for an enviable treble this season.

After a fine career spanning an FA Cup Final with Liverpool and stints with Wolves and Walsall, Evans must still be reasonably pleased with his achievements since coming to Australia.

This season he has a great opportunity to win the Philips League with the Gunners and to do so he would then have the honour of being the captain of the first Melbourne team to lift the title.

Not only that but he is well on the way to ending the season as the PSL's top scorer.

Not bad for someone who had already just about "done it all".

Assuming Souths' New Zealand tour goes ahead at the end of the season he would also be the first captain of a PSL side to lead his team on such a journey.

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Apparently there are one or two Melbourne Soccer scribes not too happy with the rudeness of a visiting Sydney Olympic official during the Sydneysiders' game against Footscray at Schintler Reserve recently.

Our Melbourne man, Greg Blake, suggested that the official in question should confine his criticism of journalists to their printed work.

To criticise a journalist's appearance wins no friends for himself or his club.

By the way, Greg didn't think too much about the official's overcoat . . . but of course he would never assume the right to criticise someone for something as trivial as that.

Wollongong's John Fleming is still arguing with team-mates about the goal he scored against Adelaide City.

He found the Giants' net from almost on the half-way line, assisted by a strong wind.

Fleming claims it was definitely a shot for goal.

The other Wolves players say he was looking for one of his strikers.

The end result was the same and the goal made it 2-0 after 10 minutes play.

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PSL referee, Bob Mee, suggests a few alterations to the wording of the Philips Soccer League advertisement under the heading "A Free" which appeared in last week's ASW.

Bob says that the definition of free-kick — "a place kick awarded following an infringement by an opposing player" — should also include reference to the fact that the kick must be taken free of interference from the opposing team.

His other point is that the definition of a direct free-kick — "from which a goal may be scored directly" — is misleading, because an own goal CANNOT be scored from a direct free-kick. He says the definition should read "from which a goal may be scored directly against the offending team".

If a player takes a direct free-kick from outside his penalty area and kicks it into his own net, a corner is awarded, not a goal.

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Wollongong Wolves are doing their bit to help the disabled.

Handicapped people are given the red carpet treatment at home games.

George Ramage is the man behind the scheme, which allows handicapped people into the ground free and a free programme.

They are given their own area to watch the game, and anyone interested should contact club secretary Neil Griegg on 29 3066.

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Sydney Olympians' exciting and clever forward, Jim Redfern, may be lost to Australian Soccer next year. Wanted by European and American clubs, he was approached last week by a first division West German club.

Redfern only came to Australia to help Doug Collins out at Olympians, and he's proved, in the short time he's been here, to be the experienced lynch-pin the team has needed to balance the young flair of Jennings, Raskopoulos, Katholos, etc.

Redfern missed his club's 1-0 win over West Adelaide because of an internal injury.

READERS' FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point.

Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

The most upsetting point about the possible relegation of Blacktown Demons, is the question of where would their supporters go?

With average crowds of 3,000 who support the team faithfully, they continue to out-draw the leading team in the country, Sydney City. And still Blacktown has not had a chance to see what response would come from a winning team.

The 5,000 — plus crowd who turned out on a cold Wednesday night to watch an Under 19 friendly at Cook Park when a Philips Cup semi final at Bossley Park drew only 3,000 shows that the people of Blacktown approve of top Soccer.

These persons will be lost to Soccer if the Demons cop the big drop.

So, to those who decide, "think".

Susanne Brilley
SEVEN HILLS, NSW

Your editorial of Aug. 4th should be hung up in every dressing room in Australia. I have been hammering the points you make for years but it all falls on deaf ears. I have written letters to Brian Moore in London, Tommy Docherty (when he was here) and other people involved in the game and never once received an answer and have come to the conclusion that they just don't want to know.

I played in an amateur cup final at Hampton Park, Glasgow, before playing professional junior Soccer (no age limit) in the Glasgow Junior League in the late 20's and early 30's and also played army Soccer when I was 36 years old. I will be 75 on 3rd October next and have thought and talked Soccer all my life.

I would write you a long letter detailing my opinion of Soccer past and present if I thought it would be well received, and not, like the others, break the speed limit on the way to the waste basket. After all, it would not take you so long to read it as it would me to write it.

W. McArthur
BRUNSWICK, VIC

Lately, in Soccer circles and the media inane and idle speculation, concerning the fate of the mighty Blacktown City Demons with regard to relegation, has been rampant. I wish to quash this rampant, inane and idle speculation — here and now, once and for all.

In the EXTREMELY unlikely event of the mighty Blacktown City Demons being relegated from the PSL at the end of this season, then their reinstatement into the PSL next year is merely a FORMALITY, THAT GOES WITHOUT SAYING! That it has been necessary to say that which goes without saying is simply a reflection of the stupidty of those indulging in this sort of speculation.

Should the mighty Demons be relegated (EXTRMELY unlikely) and NOT re-instated, then that would not only be sufficient grounds to have those reponsible for that decision certified, but also sufficient and compelling (EXTREMELY) grounds to have those same miserable souls promptly shot and put out of their misery. I would volunteer my services as executioner should the need arise (EXTREMELY unlikely).

So help me, I, and the citizens of the City of Blacktown, and Radio Rentals, and AUSTRALIA Soccer generally, would NOT stand for it.

Finally, permit me to give expression to a truth which I hold to be self-evident — THAT NO TEAM IN AUSTRALIA HAS BETTER QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE PSL THAN THE MIGHTY BLACKTOWN CITY DEMONS. That too, goes without saying.

If Blacktown goes, then the ASF may just as well STICK their PSL — and you, and I, and everyone else knows where.

Zed Putofsky
ERSKINEVILLE, NSW

Soccer is a flourishing sport at Homebush Boys' High, where I teach, and we follow with interest the progress of our students at the higher levels of the game.

One such is PAUL KATSIVELAS, the captain of our First Grade team, who plays also for North Sydney in the State Soccer League. However, in recent editions of your fine paper, his name has been misspelt beyond recognition.

I draw you attention to this, knowing you would want to rectify the error.

V. Fox
PETERSHAM, NSW

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BARNES — BOND IN BIG BLOW-UP

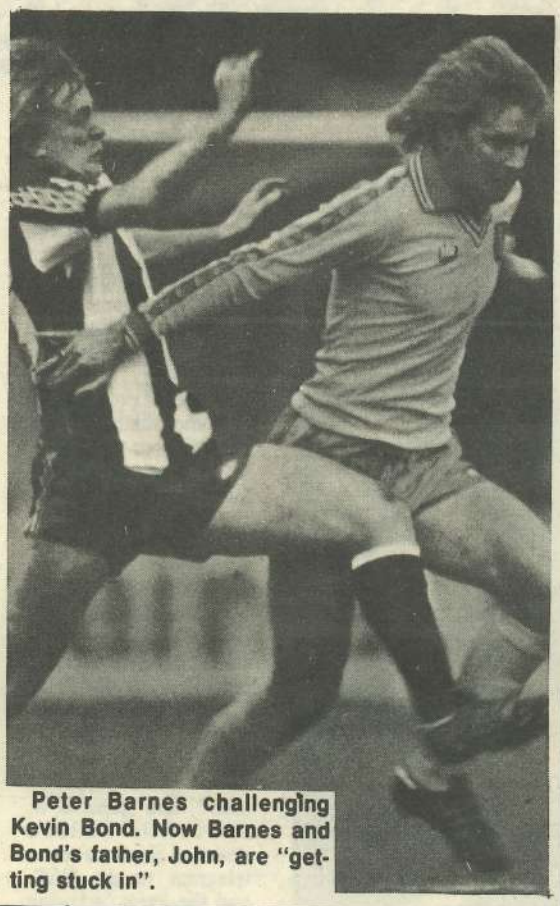
There has been quite a slanging match going on between Peter Barnes and John Bond.

Barnes was expected to move from West Brom to Manchester City where Bond is manager. Instead, the player joined Leeds United for a fee of $1,500,000.

Just after signing for Leeds, Barnes said: "I spoke to John Bond a fortnight ago and he assured me I'd be with Manchester City within a week. But he went to Germany. If he wanted me he wouldn't be in Germany."

John Bond hit back with: "I'm better off without Barnes. I'm glad now I didn't sign him. I thought Barnes wanted to join City but now I find he's gone to Leeds. Some players think they are too good and clubs should run around after them."

Peter Barnes was impressed with the Leeds set-up, saying: "This is a club which wants success and that's why I joined them. I think we can win things and I'd like to be part of that."



Peter Barnes challenging Kevin Bond. Now Barnes and Bond's father, John, are "getting stuck in".

DAINES IS ANGRY

Barry Daines was in Spurs F.A. Cup Final squad just a few months ago but now he says he will never play for the club again.

The goalkeeper, given a free transfer on a technicality when Spurs made a clerical error, says the club is "mucking me about" and is doing nothing to help him find a new club.

Daines has been 10 years at White Hart Lane but he asked for a move before last season's Cup Final against Manchester City.

SUCH A BAD DAY FOR FERGUSON

Martin Ferguson, new manager of Scottish club East Stirling, had a nightmare first game with the club.

The team went to Montrose for a League cup tie but their private bus broke down. A replacement bus was sent and the players filed in. Then that broke down. Finally, a third bus had to be rustled up. Guess what? Another break-down!

Stirling Albion decided to give away the buses, so Ferguson booked seven taxis to make sure his team arrived in time for kick-off.

To round off the day, East Stirling were beaten 1-0.

ARMSTRONG IN THE BIG — TIME

David Armstrong looks forward to a big season with Southampton following his move from Middlesbrough.

The midfielder cost Southampton $1,500,000. Armstrong said he is relishing the thought of competing in the UEFA Cup because he was "getting stale" at Middlesbrough.

Southampton expect to recoup some of the big Armstrong fee by selling Charlie George.

HE'S LOOKING FOR GLAMOUR

RICHIE BARKER

On the eve of the new season, Stoke City's new manager Richie Barker has been hit by a transfer request from England Under 21 star Adrian Heath.

At 20, Heath feels he ought to be with a more glamorous club and he complains that, in 2½ years in Stoke's first team, the club has never looked like winning anything.

Heath joined Stoke City as a 14 year old schoolboy and has had six years with the club. He said his selection last season for England Under 21 whetted his appetite for the big time.

Stoke are trying to keep their young star but they are short of cash and may have to part with him.

U.K. SOCCER SCENE

TRANSFERS UNDER FIRE

Ron Saunders, England's top club manager, has lashed out at the English transfer system, calling for drastic changes.

Saunders, who guided Aston Villa to the first division titled this year, said: "It's time someone stood up and took a lead on the transfer business. The danger exists that our game could be damaged beyond repair. Soccer's image is already under increasing attack."

As a first step to rationalise things, Saunders is calling for a complete ban on player movements while they are under contract.

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BLAST FOR BELFAST!

English clubs get a wide choice of pleasant places to visit on pre-season tours, but F.A. Cup winners, Tottenham Hotspur, came up with an unusual one.

Spurs decided to go to Belfast to play Glentoran. The match almost caused a revolt among Spurs players who made no secret of their feelings. Terrorist bullets and bombs were the big fear and one player called the trip "a touch of summer madness"

But manager Keith Burkinshaw said: "Northern Ireland needs something and it is up to people like us to try to provide it."

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Bruce Grobbelaar

NICHOLAS SETS SIGHTS ON TWIN GOALS

Peter Nicholas is looking forward to a great season — for Arsenal and for Wales.

Signed from Crystal Palace late last season, Nicholas has a reputation he doesn't like. He is accused of being too rough and too tough but he says: "I want to win, but not at any cost. People don't know that, when I was a kid, I broke my leg. I know all about the physical and mental agony of an injury like that and I wouldn't inflict it on an opponent."

Nicholas, a 21 year-old midfield player, wants to help Arsenal win the UEFA Cup. His other great ambition is to be part of the Welsh Soccer revival which could take them to next year's World Cup in Spain.

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It seems Nottingham Forest has won the race for the signature of Middlesbrough's England Under 21 midfielder Mark Procter. Procter's contract with the Boro ended last week and he has been a target for several clubs.

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A BRIGHT START FOR BRUCE FROM ZIMBABWE

Bruce Grobbelaar, the goalkeeper from Zimbabwe, who played in Canada before moving to Liverpool, made a great early impression with his new team in Switzerland.

Liverpool played a pre-season friendly against Zurich, winning well 3-0. But it was Grobbelaar who earned the headlines after the match.

The Swiss team hammered Liverpool in the first 20 minutes but Grobbelaar absorbed all the pressure to keep his goal intact.

Afterwards, Liverpool fans claimed England goalkeeper, Ray Clemence, now with Spurs, will not be missed.

LEEDS "OLD BOYS" BOOST BARNSLEY

Norman Hunter and Bobby Collins were good mates and team colleagues at Leeds United 20 years ago . . . in the great days of Leeds under manager Don Revie.

Now the pair hope to make Barnsley another side of which Yorkshire can be proud.

Last season, his first as manager, Hunter steered Barnsley to promotion from third to second division.

He has as a willing assistant, and Youth team boss, Collins — one of the finest players ever to play for Leeds.

Collins, discussing Hunter, says: "Norman had many of Don Revie's qualities. He doesn't just want to survive in the second division — he wants to win it."

The Hunter-Collins midfield partnership struck terror into many opposing teams when they were with Leeds. That partnership could now make a similar impact with Barnsley by master-minding another successful season.